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The Brooklyn Papers / Tom Callan

Heat was on

The temperature was rising, so it wasn't surprising that many people — including these pedestrians on Montague Street in Downtown Brooklyn on Tuesday — were sweatin' it out this week.

RATNER RENTER REVOLT

Holdout tenants prep Yards suit

By Ariella Cohen
The Brooklyn Papers

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Rent-stabilized tenants living in buildings owned by Atlantic Yards mega-developer Bruce Ratner say they'll sue the state to block the condemnation of their homes to make way for the project.

At issue is whether the Empire State Development Corporation — by condemning the buildings — has given Ratner a green light to evict the tenants despite protections guaranteed by their rent-stabilized leases.

"[The ESDC] is depriving a whole group of people of rights they have," said George Locker, a lawyer representing 15 tenants within the footprint.

The latest legal twist in the Atlantic Yards project was set into motion last week, when the ESDC released a list of exactly which Prospect Heights properties it plans to acquire through eminent domain.

In total, 410 people will be displaced to make way for Ratner's basketball arena and 6,860 units of housing — 2,250 of them rent-stabilized.

Most of the renters in Ratner-owned buildings have already left the 22-acre Atlantic Yards footprints, taking generous relocation offers from the developer.

Yet about 20 rent-stabilized renters remain — and once the condemnation goes through, their rent-stabilized protection will vanish, experts said.

"Rent-stabilized tenants will get less than what they would get" when eminent domain isn't used, said attorney Michael Rikon, who once represented tenants who settled with Ratner after the state condemned their homes to make way for his Metrotech development in Downtown Brooklyn.

The legal hoops a building owner must jump through in order to demolish a building that houses protected tenants often add years of delay — and lots of legal fees — to a project.

Ratner made buyout offers before the state moved to condemn the properties.

About a month after Ratner bought the slim, brick tenements, he made an offer that some tenants could not refuse: subsidized rents for three years and then an affordable rental apartment in Atlantic Yards. A few took the package. A few refused.

Melvin Gunther was a renter who took the money and ran. In June, Ratner helped relocate him from a $410-a-month SRO on Dean Street to a $1,000-a-month two-bedroom in Bushwick.

With a $120-a-month check from Ratner and a housing voucher from the city — which ACORN, a Ratner ally, helped Gunther get — the retiree pays only $48 more per month for the far-bigger pad.

He believes that in three years, when

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Atlantic Yards holdout Joseph Pastori wants to stay at 473 Dean St., where he's lived here since 1967. He's pictured in the apartment of his neighbor and fellow holdout, Robin Weil.

'Tennis Mafia' controlling court

By Emily Weinstein
for The Brooklyn Papers

Hipsters, beware: Brooklyn's old-timers are protecting their turf. Or at least they are at the McCarren Park tennis courts, in Greenpoint, where a gang of 50 retirement-age ralliers — a de facto tennis mafia — calls the shots, swearing at those who try to uproot them from "their" two chosen courts.

"They seem to own the place," complained one young player from Williamsburg, who said that in the past the men cursed at him when he asked them to move after their scheduled time was up.

Another irate — and intimidated — player corroborated those claims, saying that the men have hurled "more Polish at me than I know what to do with."

Many of the McCarren racketeers are old friends, and have met at the park for tennis for more than two decades.

"Over the years, courts 6 and 7" — the two most-secluded courts, on the Berry Street side of the park — "kind of became the Polish courts," explained Amleto Mazza, a rare Italian member of the group.

Mazza, a fit 50- or 60-something clad in gym shorts and a t-shirt, his thick brown hair neatly brushed back, had arrived at the courts, smoking a cigarette, at about 5 pm on a recent Friday afternoon. He flashed his $100 season permit to the park attendant on duty, whose job it is to assign players to courts.

But a confident Mazza eluded assignment by gesturing over to the court 7, saying he was "meeting Al" — that would be Al Benay, a relaxed, level-headed 80-year-old who's a daily fixture at the park. Benay was hitting the ball with a retired businessman named Frank, a stout, round-faced guy with a fierce backhand.



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This may be the only way to enjoy tennis on courts 6 and 7 at McCarren Park in Greenpoint — by watching through the fence.

Mazza passed through the gate, heading toward the benches lining the rear edge of the courts, where as many as a dozen of his tennis partners congregate on weekday evenings and all weekend long. The guys shoot the breeze while they wait for their turn at the baseline, treating the public court like their own private club.

"A lot of the emphasis is on socializing," Mazza said. "You get to know to know everybody."

Benay, who's played at the McCarren courts for 35 years, said that in the past, attendants tried to break the mafia's monopoly on 6 and 7 by delegating the courts to other pairs.

It was to no avail.

Even if the attendants succeeded in uprooting the gang for the day, they go off duty at 6:30 pm; after that, the courts are left unpatrolled.

And although they might not be playing nice, technically these Greenpoint goodfellas aren't breaking any rules. For instance, by rotat-

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Safe at home, and on the road

Cyclone catcher Daniel Cummings can't handle the low throw and Yankee Kyle Larsen is safe at home during July 29 game at Keyspan Park to give the Yanks a 1-0 lead. But the Cyclones won the game, 5-4, in 10 innings, completeing a two-game sweep of the hated rivals. For The Papers' complete "Triple Threat" coverage of the Brooks, **see page 13.**

Davis dumps David

Yassky didn't send a big-enough bus

By Rachel Monahan
for The Brooklyn Papers

City Councilman David Yassky discovered last week that fighting to keep guns off the street is nothing compared to sending senior citizens a plush bus when you're trying to hold onto a key political endorsement.

Battling for a seat in Congress, Yassky lost the well-publicized but short-lived backing from the mother and brother of slain Councilman James Davis in a dispute that apparently stemmed from Yassky's failure to send large-enough busses to transport people to a memorial service for his late council colleague.

As recently as last week, Thelma Davis praised Yassky in campaign literature as an heir to her son's gun-control legacy. She said:

"We need to keep fighting to get guns off our streets. David Yassky has been doing that for years. That's why he has my full support."

But then … the bus brouhaha.

THE FIGHTIN' ELEVENTH!



The Brooklyn Papers / Greg Mango

In March, Geoffrey Davis (right) gave David Yassky an award. Last week, he withdrew his support

The problems arose, said Thelma's other son, Geoffrey Davis, when Yassky didn't make good on a promise to send buses for hundreds of seniors who wanted to attend the July 21 memorial.

Yassky sent only two vans, Davis said, outraging his mom, who had already sat for a photo shoot with Yassky.

"He no longer needed us," said Geoffrey Davis.

The Yassky campaign had a different view of the snafu.

"The accusations that Geoffrey Davis are making are false," said Yassky spokesman Evan Thies. "The cam-

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Thief with good taste on prowl

The Brooklyn Papers

POLICE BLOTTER

An Atlantic Avenue boutique was robbed of close to $2,000 in fancy merchandise by a shoplifter on July 27, police said.

The owner of Michelle New York, which is between Hoyt and Bond streets, told police that someone had helped himself to a $238 Gabby blouse, a $220 Kiara top, a $268 Delia dress, a $228 drop shoulder tunic blouse, a $230 Montrese Chandler strapless number, a $410 Nicole Miller v-neck, a $198 Fourty's top and a $127 pair of thorn jeans for a total haul of $1,919.

Police are looking for a well-dressed thief.

Atlantic take

The Atlantic Avenue Local Development Corporation, best known for its annual Atlantic Antic street fair every September, was robbed of more than $8,000 by an employee who took checks from the office and then made them out to a friend, according to a police report.

The report said that on July 21, LDC Executive Director Lisa Shimamura was reviewing the group's checking statement and noticed that four unauthorized checks had been written on the LDC's Citibank account and signed by "an unknown person."

The checks — totalling $8,221.32 — were made out to a person whom Shimamura does not know, she told police.

LDC board president Ian Kelley told The Brooklyn Papers he could not comment because of "a settlement agreement" between the LDC and the alleged thief.

"Restitution has been made, so no one has been materially harmed," he added.

Kelley said no arrests were made and he declined to answer further questions.

The robbery will not deter the 32nd annual Atlantic Antic, slated for Sept. 17, rain or shine.

Crime of hate

A teenager walking on Livingston Street was the victim of a gay-bashing at 8 pm July 26, cops said.

The victim, 19, said he was walking towards Hoyt Street, when a man in a passing van yelled, "Hey, faggot!" The teen ignored the taunt and kept walking.

But when he got to the corner, he noticed that the van had pulled over and its two occupants were walking his way.

The victim tried to ignore the men, but one of them pulled a can of mace and sprayed the victim in the face. The other man then punched the victim in the head repeatedly. Both fled when the victim cried out for help.

A passerby came to his aid and escorted the victim into the safety of a city building nearby.

Stroller punks

Armed and dangerous with an unlikely weapon, two women accosted and robbed a 32-year-old woman as she took the elevator at the Atlantic Avenue subway station on July 23 at 5:30 pm.

The weapon of choice for the muggers was far less predictable than a knife or a gun: the women rammed a baby stroller into the victim before grabbing her and punching her in the face.

With the woman sufficiently stunned and bruised, the perps grabbed her blue and white purse – containing $25, a bank card, a credit card, and a paycheck, cops said.

A few hours later, the victim walked into the 88th Precinct stationhouse to report the crime. The baby-stroller tag-team is still at large.

Office scoundrel

A woman who works at a local college was robbed of more than $300 by a co-worker after she left her purse inside a conference room on July 25.

The 59-year-old woman said she left the purse — containing $321 and a wallet that had cost her $400 — on the table in the meeting room of the college, at 81 Willoughby St., at 2 pm. When she returned, it was gone.

Old soft shoe

A teen shopping for sneakers at a Fulton Mall store fell for an old scam when a man posing as another customer offered to sell him the same treads for less.

The 14-year-old had been shopping at the store at around 2:30 on July 27 when the man sidled over and said, "I can get you those sneakers at a cheaper price."

Intrigued, the teen followed the man to a park near Smith and Warren streets, where he handed over $120. The man told the boy to give him his cellphone so he could make a call. Then he walked away, telling the teen to wait for him to bring the sneakers. The thief never returned, taking the cellphone as a tip.

Court fight

A woman walking alone on Court Street on Sunday morning, July 30, was slapped, beaten and robbed in a wild melee.

The woman told police she said, "Excuse me" to a woman and two men she was trying to pass when the group apparently took exception to the woman's maneuver. The two men then grabbed the victim so their female companion woman could start pummeling her.

During the fight, one of the men "took advantage of the situation" and took a pair of sunglasses and a pair of earrings off the victim's face, police said.

When a crowd started gathering at the fight, near Schermerhorn Street, the assailants fled.

Baby blues

Two women had their purses snatched or pockets picked while attending to their children during ill-fated shopping trips last week.

In the first incident on July 25, a 41-year-old woman was victimized, at a bookstore on Court Street, near State Street, when she bent down to pick up her son.

The next day, a 29-year-old woman shopping at a department store on the Fulton Mall turned for a second only to have her wallet taken from a bag that had been hanging from her stroller.

That's not zen

Three masked goons mugged a 45-year old man walking on Smith Street near Baltic Street on June 17 at 11:45 pm.

The masked men asked the late-shift commuter — he was on his way home from work— for his money, grabbed his knapsack and ran off, raking in $70 and a Nepalese passport.

Walk away

An armed hood robbed a 25-year old man and his 23-year old lady friend on July 20 at 11:10 pm on President Street near Smith Street.

"Be cool and give me all…" the goon said, interrupting himself by brandishing a black gun. As soon as the couple forked over their credit cards and $27, the gunman instructed them to walk away. He did the same — in the other direction.

Heat of night

When some get hot and bothered, there's no suppressing the passion.

One 20-year-old Grand Street resident found that out when her 24-year-old husband woke her up at 5:30 in the morning on July 22, looking for a quickie.

She rolled over and declined. Her husband got mad, so he threw a container of water at her.

The woman retaliated by taking her husband's clothes into the bathroom to give them a thorough soaking. Infuriated, her husband picked her up, placed her in the shower and turned on the water. He then proceeded to douse his lawfully wedded wife's hair and face in liquid Tide detergent.

The soapy woman called the cops, who wrote up the hubby for harassment and closed the case.

Brutally beaten

Four men armed with baseball bats and a pipe surrounded a 58-year-old man as he approached the corner of Adelphi and Willoughby streets close to midnight on July 23.

They beat him several times, bruising and cutting up his body.

The gang escaped down Clermont Avenue with the victim's shoulder bag — containing his wallet, $150 cellphone, $500 in phone accessories, a wireless keyboard, and a pair of $250 glasses.

— Gersh Kuntzman, Ariella Cohen & Sara Vogel

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A daytime drama at a real hospital

By Sara Vogel
for The Brooklyn Papers

A 23-year-old who was the victim of a violent caning had one good piece of news: at least she was in a hospital when the attack occurred.

At around 11 am on July 25, the victim was working at the Seventh Avenue hospital when her "friend," a 39-year-old woman wearing a short brown wig and jogging clothes, verbally attacked her, punched her and cornered her into a room.

The aggressor left the hospital, but came back a half an hour later — this time armed with a wooden cane, which she used to strike the hospital worker three times while shouting that she would "come back" for her.

The hospital terror was not arrested.

Grand larceny

A thief who made off with more than $1,000 in electronic equipment and tools after smashing the glass on a parked car early on July 26 was caught by cops hours later, police said.

The perp had thrown a concrete block into the window of a yellow Ford parked on Fourth Avenue near Baltic Street at just after 4 am and stole a GPS system, a Blackberry phone and a power-tool set valued at $1,250.

A 27-year-old witness caught the whole act, and cops were able to nab the 47-year-old alleged criminal, who was charged with criminal mischief, grand larceny, petit larceny, and possession of burglary tools.

Excuse you!

A 41-year-old woman was mugged right in front of the 78th Precinct stationhouse on July 28.

While walking down Flatbush Avenue towards the subway at Bergen Street, a man in a white skullcap and black jeans bumped into her, muttering an expletive as he passed.

When the woman reached the train, she realized her wallet — which contained her Metrocard, her ID, and her debit card — had been lifted.

Police did not locate the shifty pickpocket.

Out of her hand

A woman taking an afternoon stroll through Prospect Park was hit and robbed by two men on July 28.

The 35-year-old woman told police she had been ambushed at around 1 pm near the Grand Army Plaza entrance of the park when the men hit her in the back of the head and snatched the iPod right out of her hand.

Police helicopters and officers on the ground searched for the two men, but could not find them.

The woman did not need to go to the hospital for her injuries.

Bible crass

Four men punched a 24-year-old man and grabbed his book bag as he walked down Carroll Street to the subway at Fourth Avenue around midnight on July 26.

Inside the knapsack was $30 and the man's Bible.

Cops put out descriptions of all four perps, but none was not found.

The victim's wounds were treated at a Park Slope hospital while his soul was comforted elsewhere.

Crime of hate

A teenager walking on Livingston Street was the victim of a gay-bashing at 8 pm July 26, cops said.

The victim, 19, said he was walking towards Hoyt Street, when a man in a passing van yelled, "Hey, faggot!" The teen ignored the taunt and kept walking.

But when he got to the corner, he noticed that the van had pulled over and its two occupants were walking his way.

The victim tried to ignore the men, but one of them pulled a can of mace and sprayed the victim in the face. The other man then punched the victim in the head repeatedly. Both fled when the victim cried out for help.

A passerby came to his aid and escorted the victim into the safety of a city building nearby.

Stroller punks

Armed and dangerous with an unlikely weapon, two women accosted and robbed a 32-year-old woman as she took the elevator at the Atlantic Avenue subway station on July 23 at 5:30 pm.

The weapon of choice for the muggers was far less predictable than a knife or a gun: the women rammed a baby stroller into the victim before grabbing her and punching her in the face.

With the woman stunned and bruised, the perps grabbed her blue and white purse – containing $25, a bank card, a credit card, and a paycheck, cops said.

A few hours later, the victim walked into the 88th Precinct stationhouse to report the crime.

Baby blues

Two women had their purses snatched or pockets picked while attending to their children during ill-fated shopping trips last week.

In the first incident on July 25, a 41-year-old woman was victimized, at a bookstore on Court Street, near State Street, when she bent down to pick up her son.

The next day, a 29-year-old woman shopping at a department store on the Fulton Mall turned for a second only to have her wallet taken from a bag that had been hanging from her stroller.

Old soft shoe

A teen shopping for sneakers at a Fulton Mall store fell for an old scam when a man posing as another customer offered to sell him the same treads for less.

The 14-year-old had been shopping at the store at around 2:30 on July 27 when the man sidled over and said, "I can get you those sneakers at a cheaper price."

Intrigued, the teen followed the man to a park near Smith and Warren streets, where he handed over $120. The man told the boy to give him his cellphone so he could make a call. Then he walked away, telling the teen to wait for him to bring the sneakers.

The thief never returned, taking the cellphone as a tip.

Heat of night

When some get hot and bothered, there's no suppressing the passion.

One 20-year-old Grand Street resident found that out when her 24-year-old husband woke her up at 5:30 in the morning on July 22, looking for a quickie.

She rolled over and declined. Her husband got mad, so he threw a container of water at her.

The woman retaliated by taking her husband's clothes into the bathroom to give them a thorough soaking. Infuriated, her husband picked her up, placed her in the shower and turned on the water. He then proceeded to douse his lawfully wedded wife's hair and face in liquid Tide detergent.

The soapy woman called the cops, who wrote up the hubby for harassment and closed the case.

Slope breaks out in rash — of robberies

By Sara Vogel
for The Brooklyn Papers

At least four restaurants and shops along Park Slope's main shopping strip were broken into last week, cops said.

Seventh Avenue was littered with broken glass in the six-day crime spree:

• At 2 am on July 25, a stationary and gift shop on Fourth Street near Seventh Avenue was broken into. After getting a call from her alarm company, the owner rushed to the scene to find the storefront had been shattered with a brick, and her $400 iPod and $30 in coins had been swiped.

"I've been here four years and did have one other break-in when I first got here," the store's owner told The Brooklyn Papers. "It's not indicative of the neighborhood at all. My customers and neighbors were shocked."

• Later that day, cops received word of another glass-shattering. A worker at Amin Indian Restaurant on Seventh Avenue near Union Street said someone smashed the storefront and fled with $70 in cash and $120 of liquor during the night.

Detectives dusted for prints, but have no other leads.

• In the wee hours on July 28, Inaka Sushi House on Seventh Avenue near Fourth Street had its storefront shattered.

The next morning, an employee found $130 in coins and bills missing.

Cops found a brick and a sweater at the scene but have made no arrests.

• On July 30, employees showing up for work at Lemongrass Grill, on Seventh Avenue near Lincoln Place, found the door of the restaurant cracked and the register tampered with. Nothing was taken from the cash box, which is left empty every night.

"Some people are desperate," said the restaurant's manager.

Cops said the string of break-ins is not typical of the neighborhood. Detectives are trying to figure out if they're related.

Civic group is robbed



The Brooklyn Papers / Steve Cohn

Shoppers, eaters and browsers at the 2004 Atlantic Antic. This year's version of one of the city's most-popular street fairs will go on despite the theft of $8,200 from the fair's organizer.

The Brooklyn Papers

The Atlantic Avenue Local Development Corporation, best known for its annual Atlantic Antic street fair every September, was robbed of more than $8,000 by an employee who took checks from the office and then made them out to a friend, according to a police report.

The report said that on July 21, LDC Executive Director Lisa Shimamura was reviewing the group's checking statement and noticed that four unauthorized checks had been written on the LDC's Citibank account and signed by "an unknown person."

The checks — totalling $8,221.32 — were made out to a person whom Shimamura does not know, she told police.

LDC board president Ian Kelley told The Brooklyn Papers he could not comment because of "a settlement agreement" between the LDC and the alleged thief.

"Restitution has been made, so no one has been materially harmed," he added.

Kelley said no arrests were made and he declined to answer further questions.

The robbery will not deter the 32nd annual Atlantic Antic, slated for Sept. 17, rain or shine. **— *Gersh Kuntzman***

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Road rage on the Verrazano

The Brooklyn Papers

68th Precinct

A crazed man beat up a guy 40 years his senior using the victim's own car door as a weapon.

The action began on the morning of July 27 on the Staten Island side of the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge, where the 62-year-old victim was merging his van leftward.

"This person was speeding down the lane next to me, and I don't know if my driving affected him somehow, but he kept pushing me [into the other lanes] on the bridge," said the victim.

"I decided, well, I will speed up, get off the bridge, and pull over."

He did just that, but the unhinged driver followed him, and planted his white van in front in front of the older man's car on an exit ramp on the Brooklyn side.

The assailant got out of the car and approached the victim, who, still in his van, exclaimed, "What the hell is wrong with you, playing with someone's life like that?"

"I opened the door, and he took the door and banged it in my face," said the victim last week.

"Then I got so mad I went to the back of my van to find a pipe to hit him, but he got a pipe from his van first, and he whacked my van. Then he took off [down the Belt Parkway]."

In addition to suffering a gash on his head, the victim's windshield and driver's side window were broken.

"Maybe he was just a whacko, maybe he was on drugs," said the dumbfounded victim.

No arrests have been made.

Bad help

The owner of a Third Avenue bar who left his establishment in the care of a trusted employee so he could grab a bite returned a couple of hours later to find that the employee — and $2,000 — were gone.

The bar is near 83rd Street.

Laser arrest

A Bay Ridge cop busted a 19-year-old prankster for shining a green laser at an NYPD chopper on Monday night.

The helicopter had been returning from a Brooklyn Bridge assignment when the pilots were hit three times by a green beam from Dyker Heights.

The heli-cops saw the alleged laser-pointer jump into a car and speed off. They broadcast a description of the car and the man was soon caught.

The 15th-Avenue do-badder was charged with reckless endangerment. Cops say he admitted to shining the laser, which was made illegal in a section of the Patriot Act dealing with interfering with pilots of passenger aircraft.

There have been several similar incidents in New Jersey, authorities say.

Fast food, money

"Don't move, I'll shoot," said the man who drew a handgun at a Fourth Avenue fast-food joint late on July 27.

The robber walked out of the eatery, which is near 91st Street, with $200 from the register and fled in a Lincoln Town Car with a car service decal and the partial license plate number 964. He left a black knit cap at the scene.

The owner of the car service matching the decal was surprised.

"It was definitely not one of our drivers," he said. "All of our drivers were on calls or at the base at the time."

No credit

A woman returned from a routine shopping trip on July 28 to find her phone ringing off the hook — her credit card companies wanted her to know that someone had been making suspiciously large purchases.

The chronic shopper then opened the shoulder bag where she had stashed her purse and made a shocking discovery — cards from Sears, Toys R Us, Macy's, Old Navy, Victoria's Secret, Circuit City, Gap, Lane Bryant, Dress Barn, New York Co., Home Depot and Bank of America were missing.

The 39-year-old 68th Street resident told cops that her wallet may had been taken by a heavyset woman who'd been eyeing her shoulder bag as she shopped at a boutique on Fifth Avenue at 86th Street.

No arrests have been made.

Teens robbed

Three teenage boys — two 17-year-olds and one 14-year-old — were at the corner of Ridge Boulevard and 74th Street late July 25, when two guys sidled up to them and asked for cigarettes and "donations." That was apparently code for money.

To make the point crystal clear, one of the thiefs said, "Don't argue, or he will shoot you." The robbers made out with $160, a cellphone and house keys. They fled on foot.

Sacked

Three Bay Ridge apartments were broken into in a three-day crime spree, cops said.

In the first incident, on July 25, a $1,500, 17-inch flat-screen TV was stolen from an apartment on 70th Street, between Fort Hamilton Parkway and Eighth Avenue.

The 30-year-old victim returned home late at night to find her lock damaged and her apartment in disarray.

The next day, a Bay Ridgite ascended to his second-floor apartment above a Sixth Avenue church, between 65th and 66th streets, on July 26, to discover his front-door jimmied open and his $1,200 Canon digital camera gone (so much for the comfort of living above a church).

On July 29, $200 and a Montres pocket watch were stolen from an apartment on 92nd Street between Third Avenue and Ridge Boulevard. As in the other two cases, the front door was forced open while the resident was away.

The police have made no arrests in any of the burglaries.

Stolen wheels

Four cars were stolen in two days from Bay Ridge streets last week.

On July 29, a silver Mercedes Benz E320 was stolen from in front of a home on 13th Avenue near 85th Street. The 35-year-old New Jersey owner said the rims alone were worth $800.

That same day, a gray Honda Civic was taken from a parking space on 79th Street between Third and Fourth avenues, and a white Nissan Sentra was stolen from 92nd Street between Battery Avenue and Parrott Place.

And on July 30, a green Honda Civic was stolen from Colonial Road near Mackay Place.

Check-cash rob

A man was mugged by three armed thieves as he left a check-cashing spot on Fourth Avenue and 68th Street in the wee hours of July 29.

One robber had a gun and one had a knife, while the third reached into the victim's pocket and took his wallet.

The robbers fled on foot. The 46-year-old victim lost $110.

62th Precinct

To catch a thief

A 60-year-old woman whose purse was snatched at the corner of Harway Avenue and Bay 41st Street on July 31 flagged down a passing car, got in with her daughter and chased down the thief as he ran down the street.

They caught up with the perp, and the driver of the car grabbed him. The alleged, but slow, mugger, 17, was later arrested for 4:30 pm larceny.

A wise guy, eh?

The petty criminal's sense of humor is often riddled with irony.

Take the man who snatched the purse of a 33-year-old woman as she unloaded beach gear from her car, parked in her driveway on 67th Street near 17th Avenue on the morning of July 29.

Before she was robbed, the woman asked the mugger what he was doing in her driveway. He answered, "Going to the bank" and then grabbed her purse — which contained $900 and a bank card.

The comic criminal fled down 67th Street, but the victim was hot on his trail. She had him cornered on 68th Street and 18th Avenue, so he threw $500 back at her. He continued running west on 68th Street, and escaped with the rest.

Cops canvassed the area, but could not find the witty weasel.

Impersonators

A 79th Street resident got the scare of her life when two men — one flashing a gun and another showing off a silver badge — banged on her window in the early morning of July 23 and screamed, "Police! Open the f—ing door!"

When the 40-year-old woman complied, the men barged in, shouting, "Where's the dope at?" Next, they rifled through the house, and pulled the phone out of the woman's hand when she attempted to call the actual police.

The phony cops did not take anything from the house, but soon fled the scene in a silver two-door car. The police are looking for the trespassers.

— Dana Rubinstein and Sara Vogel

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OUR OPINION

Flawed from the get-go

WHILE MANY BROOKLYNITES HAVE spent the past two weeks complaining that the Empire State Development Corporation ruined everyone's vacations by releasing its 2,000-page Atlantic Yards draft environmental impact statement during the summer, some people have actually rolled up their sleeves and started analyzing the flawed document.

One such analysis shows that the state's DEIS grossly under-represents millions of square feet of development already built in and around the Atlantic Yards project site and ignores tens of millions more square feet of development that's in the pipeline.

The grand total? According to Brian Ketcham, whose Community Consulting Services has been studying DEISes for 20 years, there will be 50 million square feet of new development in and around Downtown Brooklyn between now and 2025. But only 23 percent of that growth is included in the DEIS.

As Ketcham shows, the ESDC document ignored 14 sites that already exist — such as large buildings at 9 Metrotech and 330 Jay St., plus the new Federal Courthouse — and also ignored another 13 projects that are already approved, under-construction or nearly completed, such as the Marriott hotel's expansion, the renovation of 110 Livingston St., two large New York City College of Technology projects, and two large residential towers being built near Flatbush Avenue Extension and Gold Street.

Ketcham's analysis shows that the state also blew off other large projects — including the Brooklyn Bridge Park waterfront development, the Empire Stores shopping mall in DUMBO, expansion of the Cruise Ship Terminal in Red Hook, Ikea's Red Hook mega-store, the new Fairway (which is actually open), a Whole Foods supermarket in Gowanus, and upzonings of Fourth Avenue in Park Slope and the Greenpoint-Williamsburg waterfront.

So what's the big deal? The main problem is that by low-balling the amount of new development, the DEIS starts with an assumption that the current situation in Brooklyn is better than it actually is.

It also means that the document has an easier time explaining away the impact of the 8.5-million-square-foot Atlantic Yards project.

But anyone who has tried to drive a car through, or ride a subway under, Downtown Brooklyn knows that the DEIS's depiction of current conditions is too rosy.

"Their numbers simply don't include thousands of car and subway trips, classrooms that are more crowded, energy that is already being consumed, infrastructure that is already being taxed," Ketcham told us. "They claim to have more capacity than they really do."

As a result, the DEIS makes it look as though the impact of Atlantic Yards can be easily mitigated. Thanks to people like Ketcham, we now know that is not necessarily true.

ALL DRAWN OUT



Cristian Fleming

LETTERS

Golden concerts are backing Bush

To the editors:

My family attended a recent concert sponsored by state Sen. Marty Golden. We do enjoy them and there is a sense of community there. I even enjoyed Frank Marra's band.

But I must take exception to the signs that say "Support our troops and President Bush." Those two ideas are mutually exclusive.

If we want to support our troops, we should bring them home and we should make sure that when we do, we provide them with the health benefits, pension, and whatever assistance they need and so rightfully deserve.

We cannot think that we are in any way serving our country's best interests by supporting a president and a government that squanders America's good name through its ceaseless campaign to undermine true American values in any way they can.

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We can no longer be seen as a just nation — as we torture prisoners in Guantanamo Bay and Abu Ghraib.

I ask Sen. Golden in the name of justice and peace to rethink the complexities of this war and realize that we must not think that patriotism is flying the flag and planting placards in our lawns. No, patriotism means standing for our values and working for liberty, truth and the American way.

Margaret Hughes, Bay Ridge

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Nuts to Dunkin'

To the editor,

On July 25, when I exited the F train at Bergen Street, as I have done since I was a kid, I was greeted with a spray of chipped paint, water and brick dust.

Washing off the side of the Dunkin' Donuts, there was a pressure-washing crew that seemed to go out of its way to pepper passers-by with dirt and fragments of paint. When confronted by a woman with a baby carriage, the washer operator responded with such a string of profanity so complex that I it sounded like Andrew Dice Clay on speed.

It is this kind of incident that reminds us all that these franchises [treat us] with disdain when we're not filling their pockets.

James Veronico, Cobble Hill

Buscemi blunder

I didn't understand the Steve Buscemi poem in your coverage of the anti-Ratner rally ("Rally on!" July 22).

What did Buscemi mean by evoking William Shatner? I realize it sounds like Ratner, but he never made the "-atner" rhyme, so it made no sense. A better poem would have been:

Call me a cynic
Say I'm a detractor,
But you'd be wrong,
In fact, I like William Shatner.
But the Yards are too large
They're something to abhor
Ratner should go where
No man's gone before.

Lawrence Gardner, Manhattan

Can't Ketcham

To the editor,

All eyes are on Atlantic Yards, but they are missing the larger picture. Fully half of the known development already approved through 2016 has been left out of the Atlantic Yards draft environmental impact statement (DEIS).

On the heels of Atlantic Yards there will be a third tidal wave of development for which roads, rails, sewers and schools are completely unprepared.

Instead of the annual 0.5-percent growth assumed for transit demand in the Atlantic Yards DEIS, NYC Transit reports that over the last five boom years, subway ridership from Brooklyn outside Downtown has actually grown by more than 3 percent a year.

Above ground, traffic back-ups on routes around Atlantic Yards will not be fixed by the proposed tinkering with green time of individual signals (a mythic mitigation measure in the DEIS). The DEIS also contends that there will be fewer trips on Atlantic Avenue with Atlantic Yards than without it!

Although politically unpopular, tolls into Manhattan will clear Downtown Brooklyn roads of the 40 percent of drivers who bypass tolled crossings and generate the funds for added subway and bus service.

More congestion, traffic accidents and environmental damage come with a real cost — which we've estimated at about $75 million a year, which is more than double the tax benefits that the Atlantic Yards claims it will generate for the city and state.

It all comes down to what we want our community to look like in 20 years. Forest City Ratner and the Empire State Development Corporation see the most profit from "Manhattanizing" Brownstone Brooklyn. But the borough's interest is in preserving the appeal of Brooklyn, not serving as a springboard disaster.

Brian Ketcham, Cobble Hill

The writer runs Community Consulting Services, providing technical assistance in analyzing impacts of development.

Ode to subsidy

To the editor,

Forest City Ratner's Atlantic Yards project inspired these lines of verse.

Atlantic Yards: the right plan
But in the wrong direction;
Instead of Brooklyn's busiest hub,
Why not a coastal section?
The Navy Yard's a possibility,
And so's the isle of Coney,
Although they'd lack the public subsidy
So dear to the Forest phony.

Leon Freilich, Park Slope

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Local papers that pay off pols?

Buying favors?

The Courier-Life newspaper chain, a Sheepshead Bay-based outfit that bills itself as an independent voice, is actually a large donor to many local pols. In addition to direct contributions to politicians, Courier-Life has given $3,000 to the Democratic Assembly Campaign Committee and $600 to the Brooklyn Democratic organization. Courier-Life Co-publisher Dan Holt — a resident of Plainfield, New Jersey — is also a large contributor, having given tens of thousands of dollars to Brooklyn politicians. Nationally, Holt hedges his bets, giving $2,400 to the National Republican Congressional Committee and $1,000 to the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee. Here is a list of just some of the recipients of largesse from the Courier-Life chain or its co-publisher, Dan Holt. *— Gersh Kuntzman*

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State Sen. Marty Golden (R-Bay Ridge)	$2,300*	Dan Holt & Courier-Life
Public Advocate Betsy Gotbaum	$1,000	Dan Holt
Assemblyman Vito Lopez (D-Bushwick), county boss	$300	Courier Life
Borough President Marty Markowitz	$4,200*+	Dan Holt
Assemblywoman Joan Millman (D-Carroll Gardens)	$750*	Dan Holt & Courier-Life
Rep. Major Owens (D-Crown Heights)	$400	Dan Holt
Assemblyman Nick Perry (D-Flatbush)	$1,180	Courier-Life
Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver (D-Manhattan)	$2,000	Courier-Life
City Comptroller Bill Thompson	$5,856*	Dan Holt
Rep. Ed Towns (D-Brooklyn Heights)	$2,650*	Dan Holt
Rep. Anthony Weiner (D-Sheepshead Bay)	$5,500*	Dan Holt

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Courier-Life donations raise questions

THE BROOKLYN ANGLE By Gersh Kuntzman
INVESTIGATION

FOLLOW THE MONEY. That old journalistic mantra might be as applicable to Brooklyn's competitive newspaper market as it was to Watergate, now that the Sheepshead Bay-based Courier-Life chain is revealed to have been giving thousands of dollars to the politicians it routinely covers.

And the chain's co-publisher, Dan Holt, a resident of Plainfield, NJ, has given tens of thousands more, according to publicly available fund-raising records analyzed by the Brooklyn Angle.

Such giving just isn't kosher, journalistic ethicists said.

"It's outside the norm of what journalists should be doing," said Kelly McBride, ethics group leader for Poynter Institute, a respected journalism school and think tank.

"The standard should be that individuals and companies in the media business should refrain from trying to influence the political process. Doing so creates the perception that their news product is biased."

Courier-Life, which publishes community and ethnic newspapers, shoppers and specialty publications, has been doling out money to candidates' campaigns for years — at least as far back as 1999, a period for which many records are available online.

In that period, the chain gave:

• $500 to state Sen. Carl Andrews (D-Crown Heights), who is now running for Congress.

• $2,250 to then-state Sen. Vince Gentile (D-Bay Ridge).

• $1,050 to state Sen. Marty Golden (R-Bay Ridge).

• $200 to Assemblywoman Joan Millman (D-Brooklyn Heights).

• $1,180 to Assemblyman Nick Perry (D-Flatbush).

• $2,000 to the speaker of the state Assembly, Sheldon Silver (D-Manhattan).

And Holt's given considerably more.

Of several officeholders contacted by this columnist, only Andrews responded.

"I think their coverage hasn't been flattering enough," Andrews said. "But, seriously, I think their coverage of me has been fair and effective."

Andrews called Holt "an upstanding resident of the community."

"There's nothing wrong with being associated with him," Andrews said.

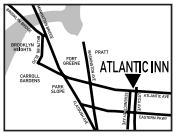
Not for Andrews. But journalism watchdogs said Courier-Life's contributions should raise eyebrows with readers.

"It is certainly unethical for a newspaper that claims to be objective to contribute to the campaigns of politicians it covers," said Adam Penenberg, a journalism professor at New York University.

The watchdogs said that once readers know that a newspaper has a financial relationship with the pols it covers, editorial decisions become suspect.

For example, was a recent glowing Courier Life story about Brooklyn Democratic Party Chairman Vito Lopez —which gushed that Lopez "has managed to accomplish nearly everything he had promised" in cleaning up the tainted party organization — influenced by the $300 contribution the paper chain gave Lopez?

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Crime spikes in Clinton Hill

By Ariella Cohen
The Brooklyn Papers

A recent spike in crime has residents of Clinton Hill worried about a return to the bad old days, when there were more bullets and fewer Bugaboo strollers on the streets.

Two trends have emerged this year in the tree-lined brownstone neighborhood just east of Fort Greene: record-high property values and an upward curve in drug-related felonies and arrests.

But while the hike in prices is just another sign of Brooklyn's exploding housing market, the climb in crime contradicts more than a decade of steady improvements in safety that has left total crime in the area down 71 percent since 1993.

"It was getting better, but for some reason now, it seems to be getting worse," said James Perry, who bought a home in the area about 10 years ago.

Between January and July, the 88th Precinct, which includes Clinton Hill and Fort Greene, logged five murders — compared to zero in all of 2005.

And there have been jumps in the number of rapes, felony assaults and robberies over $1,000.

Many believe the uptick in crime is centered around the slow decline of the Prince Lefferts Hotel on Lefferts Place near Classon Avenue.

In 2001, the decades-old hotel got a new owner — and some unwelcome guests: prostitutes and drug-dealers, police said.

The NYPD finally shut down the hotel, but this week, the hotel's 76-year-old owner came to an agreement with police that allowed him to retain ownership of the crumbling mansion if he renovated, eliminated his hourly rates and adhered to new rules about security.

"It was ridiculous because you saw women walking up and down the block with short skirts early in the morning and meanwhile, the house across the street just went for $2.5 million," Perry said.

But Perry and others fear that the upward trend in crime could deter new middle-class residents, who have been credited with getting the city to improve local schools and services.

"They won't want to pay so much [to live in Clinton Hill] if they don't feel safe," said resident Vanisia Taylor.

At Grand and Putnam avenues, not far from the Clinton-Washington C train station, police and residents say an open-air drug market has cropped up, with problems escalating this year.

Ninety arrests were made there over the past seven months and on May 29, one man was shot to death. That was the last straw that encouraged cops to begin policing the area more thoroughly. The street has been closed off with police barricades ever since.

"We had a homicide," explained precinct spokeswoman Lisa Conner. "We had complaints about drug activity. We decided to give it to the kids to play in."

While the kids played on a recent afternoon, a cop sat in an unmarked patrol van. Since such patrols began on July 5, there has been no violent crime on the block. The precinct is considering keeping the cop there permanently.

City Councilwoman Letitia James (D-Prospect Heights) and her constituents are pushing for even more officers on the streets, but remain convinced that the spike in crime won't have a lasting effect on the neighborhood's hot status.

"This is New York. It's part of living here," said Cynthia Walker, the owner of the Brown Betty Café, a WiFi-ready coffee bar that opened on Fulton Street and Grand Avenue last week. "If you notice shady stuff, you just get going.

"I've seen this neighborhood go though a lot of changes," she added. "If I felt threatened, I wouldn't have opened here."

Others clearly agree with Walker, because the wealthy are still moving in. Just this week, the Meltzer/Mandl architecture firm heralded two new six-story luxury condo buildings on Vanderbilt Avenue, near Myrtle Avenue.

A press release touted how the buildings would "transform fringe blocks with modern twin curved glass buildings."

"On a broader level, Vanderbilt Apartments will serve as a benchmark for future new construction in Clinton Hill," said Marvin Meltzer, a principal in the Manhattan-based firm, "which will help upgrade and diversify the neighborhood."

Has someone told the dealers that?



The Brooklyn Papers / Aaron Greenwood

A police sketch of a local drug dealer they are seeking in Clinton Hill.

Clinton Hill crime spree

Clinton Hill is becoming a posh place to live, but crime is still a problem. This year, murder and robberies of more than $1,000 are on the rise. *— Ariella Cohen*

July 30, 1 am
Gates Avenue at Downing Street
A gunman fired several shots at a cluster of people, killing one man and grazing a woman.

July 16, early am
Walt Whitman Houses
Three masked men shot and killed a man in his girlfriend's apartment.

May 29, 2 am
Grand Avenue at Fulton Street
A 24-year-old man is killed by a gunman.

May 3, 5 pm
Carlton Avenue near Gates Avenue
A 50-year-old woman was killed by a gunman.

April 3, 5 pm
Classon Avenue near Myrtle Avenue
Two women were found dead, likely from gunshot wounds.

March 17, 2 pm
Myrtle Avenue near Sands Street
A gunman shot and injured a cop during a chase after the gunman held up a woman in front of a Mexican restaurant.

Feb. 17, midnight
Ingersoll Houses
A man in his 20s was shot once in the chest while walking down the street.

Jan. 22, midnight
Fulton Street near Classon Avenue
A 29-year-old man was found dead in his apartment.

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ing players on their own, no one violates the one-hour per player per court time limit.

But try explaining that to the players who end up stalled on the other side of the fence — a crowd that has doubled in the past five years.

A few spats over the years got so bad that police had to intervene and toss the guys out.

The group's bad reputation has grown, and the threat of conflict seems to have effectively aced would-be interlopers. A handful of McCarren's younger regulars hesitated when asked to comment on the gang.

"Trying to get them off is a big headache," one tennis player finally said. "They don't want anybody else playing on their courts."

Another player said he sometimes gets to play with the geezers, "but it took me years to get to that point," the player told The Brooklyn Papers — as long as we promised anonymity.

He refused to answer additional questions. "I've pretty much said all I can say," he explained.

"They're very territorial," said another youngster, glancing around as he spoke to be sure no one was listening. "Let's leave it at that."

Park manager Tony Rosa, who's relatively new to McCarren, claimed he "didn't know anything about it."

Meanwhile, the gang doesn't seem too concerned about losing its position at the park.

When asked about the young people being shut out of the courts, Mazza just smiled, a grin as charming as it was unapologetic.

"There's always a little bit of give and take," he said.

ANGLE...

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Newspaper companies, like all corporations, are barred from giving money in federal elections — so that's where Holt comes in.

As an individual, Holt has given far more than his paper chain, covering the federal tab and supplementing the company's local largess.

Holt's dolled out $2,250 to Andrews's congressional campaign, $1,250 to Golden, $2,000 to Gentile, nearly $4,000 to Borough President Markowitz, $2,650 to Rep. Ed Towns (D-Brooklyn Heights), nearly $6,000 to City Comptroller (and Mayoral wannabe) Bill Thompson and $5,500 to Rep. Anthony Weiner (D-Sheepshead Bay).

Published reports have stated that the New York Post is negotiating to buy the Courier-Life chain.

If the deal goes through, that could put Holt in like-thinking company — Rupert Murdoch's News Corporation, which owns the Post, is, through its political action committees, the single largest media donor to political candidates and parties, campaign finance records show.

Holt, who is chairman of the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce and is on the boards of several other Brooklyn organizations, compared himself to Murdoch, and to Daily News publisher Mort Zuckerman.

"Both of them give money to candidates," Holt said.

"The difference is, those papers are publicly traded companies," Holt said. "We are not."

Holt told the Brooklyn Angle that Courier-Life's giving "does not interfere with the editorial product."

And he dismissed the notion that readers would come to see Courier-Life coverage as tainted because of the company's financial relationship with the politicians it covers.

"We don't publicize it, so the reader doesn't know," he said. "Our reporters are entirely independent of [the company's] campaign contributions."

That said, Holt added, "The more informed the public is, the better."

I couldn't agree more.

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HealthBeat Brooklyn:

Towards a Healthier Borough

by J.M. Rivera



Bedford Stuyvesant Family Health Center's Medical Director, Dr. Monica Sweeney, hosts BCAT's new monthly magazine, *HealthBeat Brooklyn*.

Two months ago, Linda Mickins learned she was diabetic. The medication she was prescribed helped bring her sugar levels down, but not enough. Today she is walking through the local Bed-Stuy bodega where she purchases many of her meals with nutritionist Ego Onuaha – and what she learns is eye-opening, to say the least.

Mickins and Onuaha are among the Brooklynites who share their personal stories on a new monthly health magazine produced by BCAT/Brooklyn Community Access Television entitled *HealthBeat Brooklyn*, as part of their Brooklyn Independent Television lineup.

The first episode, which focuses on diabetes, premieres on Tuesday, August 8 at 10pm and can be seen in Brooklyn on Time Warner Cable channel 56, Cablevision channel 69 and streaming live worldwide at www.bcat.tv. The program will be re-cablecast on August 14 at 2pm and 10pm; August 18 at 9:30pm; and August 22 at 10pm.

Like most parents, between working and caring for her family, Mickens is often pressed for time and finds that the corner bodega offers the convenience many over-stretched Brooklynites crave.

Onuaha walks Mickens through her daily haunt, down the narrow aisles laden with potato chips, sugared sodas and low-cost quick-to-eat snacks, pointing out the consequences of consuming such products and suggesting better choices.

Pointing to a box of popcorn sporting a large "no trans fat" logo, she demonstrates how important it is to read past the hype and go straight to the nutritional panel printed on the back: "This popcorn still has 2 grams of saturated fat – double the suggested limit of less than 1 gram – and 200mg of sodium." The fact that the suggested serving size is 1 ounce while the box is actually 2-1/4 ounces means she'll need to multiply the figures two and a quarter times.

"When people eat a lot of high-fat foods they tend to be obese – and obesity is linked to diabetes. Studies have found that African Americans and Hispanics have a higher genetic probability of developing diabetes," notes Onuaha.

"In the Bed-Stuy section of Brooklyn, there are lots of bodegas, a lot more fast food restaurants and just one supermarket," she continues.

The choice of healthy foods offered by the supermarket is limited, presumably because they're stocking what the community is consuming. "If community residents asked for more low-fat food, these supermarkets and bodegas would be forced to carry those foods."

Mickins has battled weight since she was a teen. A yo-yo dieter over the years, due to Onuaha's counseling, she now understands that it's imperative she lose the extra weight. "I know that you can lose limbs, your eyesight…kidney failure – all things I don't want to happen. I know that I have to do all I can to keep myself healthy."

Eight years ago, 54-year-old Yuawn Chan, known to his American friends as Bob, found out he had diabetes during a regularly-scheduled appointment with a doctor treating his hypertension, a condition he's lived with since he was 18 years old. At the time, he weighed over 200 pounds.

Sitting in their Sheepshead Bay apartment among photos of their two sons, his wife, Yukchu (Judy) Chan, talks proudly of the changes he's made in his eating and lifestyle habits, noting that his physician, Dr. Bing Lu, is equally as happy with his progress.

To help keep his diabetes under control, Chan watches what he eats and exercises regularly, riding his bicycle and swimming for about an hour six days a week at the Kingsbay Y, just a few blocks from his home. "He would swim seven days a week if the facility wasn't closed on Saturdays," his wife laughs.

Dr. Lu is the medical director of the Maimonides Primary Health Service, a facility in Sunset Park that primarily services the area's Asian and Hispanic populations. (Seventy percent of the surrounding area is Asian.) He explains that the preventive services that Americans take for granted are a new concept for many new immigrants.

"There is a strong tradition among immigrants to use their indigenous methods to treat their own conditions. We have an opportunity for early intervention in treating these conditions. It's a struggle to convince them why it is important to their health and the health of their families to be open to preventative and primary care services so they don't wait until their illness has progressed to get treatment," says Lu.

Lu said while immigrants are still eating traditional foods, prepared in the traditional manner, it's the abundance of food that makes it more likely that weight or diabetes will become a problem – especially in second-generation immigrants.

Healthcare professionals agree that moderating food portions and exercising daily are essential in the control of diabetes.

Rose Jackman, a senior administrator at SUNY Downstate Medical Center who designs public health programs, voluntarily started the DIVA (Develop Inner Vitality and Attitudes) exercise program in 2004 for women in East Flatbush who had health limitations and were not exercising. About 50% of the women participating in the DIVA program had been diagnosed with diabetes.

"A number of studies conducted by SUNY Downstate Medical Center found that East Flatbush had the highest incidence of diabetes in Brooklyn," explains Jackman, who became a certified fitness instructor after a bout of bad health herself. "Exercising helps diabetics manage their disease. They are better able to control their insulin production as a result of exercising. Exercising helps with blood flow, muscles, flexibility and strength – it just improves your overall health."

"When women first come into the program, they usually just want to lose weight. What they find is that they're sleeping better, their clothes fit better, they have more strength, move faster, and feel better and more relaxed. I get satisfaction knowing I'm able to make a difference in the lives of other women."

While each episode will have a central theme built around a specific illness or issue, *HealthBeat Brooklyn* seeks to promote a shift in attitude toward health care for the average Brooklynite, especially for underserved residents who traditionally have trouble gaining access to care.

Story ideas were suggested by an advisory committee made up of more than a dozen key figures in the borough's health care system. Under their guidance, the BCAT program will focus on prevention, access to primary care, a healthy lifestyle, and health care disparities.

HealthBeat Brooklyn is hosted by Dr. Monica Sweeney, who has served as medical director of the Bedford Stuyvesant Family Health Center for more than 15 years. Nationally recognized for effectively applying her medical knowledge to community improvement, Sweeney's emphasis has been disease prevention and empowering patients to take charge of their care through education.

By providing this education, says nutritionist Onuaha: "You are actually empowering people, giving them the information they need to make better choices."

Beginning in September, new episodes of* HealthBeat Brooklyn *will premiere on the first Friday of the month at 9:30pm and repeat throughout the month on the 2nd Monday at 2pm and 10pm; the 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 10pm; and 3rd Friday at 9:30pm.

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Beach party

B-52's Wilson promises a rockin' night of dance hits in Coney Island

By Jovana Rizzo
for The Brooklyn Papers

On Thursday, a stage in Coney Island will transform into the "Love Shack": a little old place where we can get together and rock out with the B-52's.

The legendary B-52's performance at Asser Levy Park — part of the 28th annual Seaside Concert Series — should be a scene right out of their hit song "Rock Lobster": "Boys and bikinis, girls and surfboards, everybody's rockin.' "

B-52 Cindy Wilson told GO Brooklyn in a phone interview on Monday that she is excited to return to Brooklyn.

"This is definitely going to be a classic show and a lot of fun," said Wilson. "Coney Island is real Americana. It's got a good sense of humor and great energy. It's a good place for the show. I love combining the beach and the tunes."

The pop gods have answered the prayers of nostalgic fans: Wilson says the performance will be filled with the B-52's timeless hits.

"I love the old songs," said Wilson. "I love singing 'Roam' with Kate [Pierson], 'Love Shack,' 'Channel Z,' and Fred [Schneider] doing 'Quiche Lorraine.' "

After three decades of performing together, Wilson said, "We still have a wide variety of fans, starting out from the punk days to kids with their parents. I love seeing them all from the stage."

Although she is a Georgia-native, Wilson is no stranger to the boroughs. The B-52's debuted almost three decades ago in Manhattan's Lower East Side punk club scene before their explosion into worldwide pop punk party-music success.

"We've played New York for so many years. I lived in the West Village for 12 years," Wilson remembers. "I loved living in New York, and we went into Brooklyn a lot."

Wilson said that her brother Ricky Wilson, the B-52's original guitarist, has a memorial tree in the Brooklyn Botanic Garden's Cherry Esplanade in remembrance of the musician after his AIDS-related death in 1985.

Wilson and the rest of the band — including Keith Strickland, Kate Pierson and Fred Schneider — are returning to the studio in September to record a new album after three years of writing fresh material.

"It's been intense, but we're really happy with the songs that we've written and with our producer, Steve Osborne," Wilson said. "If all goes well, the album will release next spring and we'll have a summer tour. It's a whole new energy. The new material is so much fun. It's dance music, a little bit more modern with rock and roll and a few club songs, but it's no doubt us. I think it's our strongest since the 'Cosmic Thing' album. I'm really excited for it. Great things are going to happen."

Roam if you want — but how could you not? — to Coney Island on Aug. 10 to see one of the world's ultimate summer party bands.

"Everyone should relax and let loose and have lots of fun. It's a rockin' good time," said Wilson. "We still kick butt and we want everybody to dance!"

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The **B-52's** will perform on Aug. 10 at 7:30 pm at Asser Levy Park (West Fifth Street and Surf Avenue in Coney Island). This Seaside Concert Series event, hosted by Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz, is free and open to the public. For more information, call (718) 469-1912 or visit www.brooklynconcerts.com.



Mark Seliger

Stellar lineup: Fred Schneider, Keith Strickland, Cindy Wilson and Kate Pierson of the B-52's will perform a free concert at Asser Levy Park on Aug. 10.



Jonathan Bell

Big Brother's listening: "Tap Dance," written and directed by Crystal Field, features Michael David Gordon, Lilly Burd and Primy Rivera.

Comedy on 'Tap'

Theater for the New City's latest show spoofs Bush and corporate America

By Jovana Rizzo
for The Brooklyn Papers

Politicians will put on tap shoes and then tap your phone lines in Theater for the New City's new summer production, "Tap Dance," performing free in parks from Aug. 5 through Sept. 17.

Because the TNC company tours throughout the five boroughs, the hour-long production makes sure it has something for everyone.

The lyrics are witty and political; the actors perform stunts and slapstick; and there's live music, dance and special effects.

Director Crystal Field, a TNC co-founder, has been writing these summer street theater productions in the style of "commedia dell'arte" for 30 years.

Field told GO Brooklyn she believes that free public theater is important because "it brings theater to people who generally don't go to the theater, who are wary of theater. And this opens the door to them.

"Our show is a service because it is about things that are relevant. It is both entertaining and educating, and it improves the audience for American plays."

The "Tap Dance" message is bringing people back to their roots.

The story follows a young man who is taught to tap his way up the corporate ladder. Another

See ***TAP*** *on page* ***10***

BOOKS

Street smarts

Is the street you live on named after a politician, the color of dirt, or a family riddled with secrets and murder?

Brooklyn streets, parks and sites are dripping with history, and husband-and-wife team Leonard Bernardo and Jennifer Weiss have hung them all out to dry in their dictionary of street smarts, "Brooklyn By Name."



"There are so many streets we come across so frequently, but have no conception of their origin," said Bernardo.

"We spent time in all of the branch libraries throughout Brooklyn," said Weiss, who lives in Park Slope with Bernardo. "We read hundreds of books on Brooklyn, found street card indexes, and poured through old Brooklyn College master theses written in the 1960s about street name origins."

The book tells stories like that of Cropsey Avenue. The Bath Beach street got its name from the landowning Cropsey clan, whose family tree included a relative with a heavenly vocation (construction supervisor for the New Utrecht Reformed Church) as well as a murderer, who killed his wife in their Bath Beach home, only to admit, "I did a rash act. I am sorry. I suppose I'll go to the electric chair."

A fun fact about the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge from "Brooklyn By Name": it was almost called the Staten Island Bridge when Islanders pouted that they were the only borough without their own bridge.

Weiss recalled the nefarious act behind the renaming of a Park Slope street.

"We uncovered an interesting murder case, which resulted in the changing of DeGraw Street to Lincoln Place," she said. Their book describes the 1873 murder of Charles Goodrich who was shot by his lover, Lizzie Lloyd King, before he could end their relationship.

"[Local 19th century residents] wanted to rid the street of its murder association, so DeGraw Street above Fifth Avenue is now Lincoln Place," summed up Weiss.

The authors claim that other street names continue to pay homage to Brooklyn forebears with despicable associations.

"We were surprised to find the number of streets that were named for slaveholders," said Weiss. "Early founding families owned slaves, but that didn't in any way prevent streets from being named after them, as evil an institution as it was." Examples include Ingraham Street in Bushwick and Flatlands's Hubbard Street.

"There are roughly 600 entries, but we don't cover everything," said Bernardo. "As we say in the introduction, it would take a lifetime to know Brooklyn. We left room for other excavators to fill in the blanks."

"Brooklyn By Name" (NYU Press, $17.95) by Leonard Bernardo and Jennifer Weiss is available at Barnes & Noble [106 Court St. at State Street in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 246-4996 and 267 Seventh Ave. at Sixth Street in Park Slope, (718) 832-9066]. For more information, visit www.brooklynbyname.com.

— Jovana Rizzo

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Doo-wop daddy

Sirius Satellite Radio host Bruce Morrow, better known as former WCBS-FM disc jockey Cousin Brucie (pictured), discusses the heyday of doo-wop in "American Soundtrack: Doo Wop's Best" premiering Saturday on Thirteen/WNET New York.

As part of the documentary, the Brooklyn native visits the Paramount Theatre (now part of the Brooklyn campus of Long Island University) and Coney Island and proclaims the importance of these legendary locales to musical history.



Sirius Satellite Radio

In "American Soundtrack," Morrow calls the Downtown corner where the Paramount still stands "the heart of Brooklyn" and deems the theater, now a gymnasium, "the birthplace of rock and roll" where DJ Alan Freed hosted concerts featuring New York and New Jersey acts.

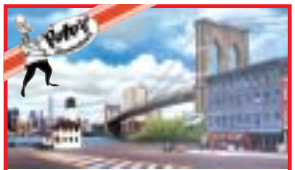
Morrow also conducts man-on-the-street interviews with doo-wop fans in Coney Island, scarfs down a Nathan's hot dog and chats up a blonde by the Cyclone — all in the name of preserving doo-wop music through public television.

"American Soundtrack" also features performances by Johnny Maestro & the Brooklyn Bridge ("16 Candles"), Little Anthony & the Imperials ("Shimmy, Shimmy KoKo Bop," "Tears on My Pillow" and "Hurt So Bad" medley) and many others.

"American Soundtrack: Doo Wop's Best" will premiere Aug. 5 at 8 pm on Thirteen/WNET New York as part of the station's pledge drive. For more information, including additional screening times, visit www.thirteen.org.

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Neighborhood Dining Guide

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PROSPECT HEIGHTS



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Chef Deborah Bicknese (left) and Megan Fisk at Beast Tapas Bar.

Aliseo Osteria del Borgo

665 Vanderbilt Ave. at Park Place, (718) 783-3400 (Cash only) Entrees: $13-$20. ★

Tucked in the heart of Prospect Heights since February 2003, this tiny Italian restaurant offers inventive dishes like "lonzino di miale con fichi" (pork loin stuffed with figs) or the popular Mediterranean sea bass in parchment paper with olives and rosemary. There are also interesting pasta dishes such as the "lasagnette con anatra" (lasagna with duck ragu) with bechamel cream sauce. Check out the cheese selection, and the wine list, much of which hails from the Marche region of Italy, like Aliseo's owner, Albano Ballerini.

For dessert, try the "panna cotta all'anice," anise-flavored panna cotta with figs in orange sauce. Open for dinner Tuesday through Sunday, closed Mondays. Garden seating is available, weather permitting.

Beast Tapas Bar and Restaurant

638 Bergen Street at Vanderbilt Avenue, (718) 399-6855 (AmEx, DC, Disc, MC, Visa) Entrees: $6-$13. ★

Beast, opened in February 2005 by chef-owner Debbie Bicknese, was built to look like a 1930s-era restaurant and spacious bar. Dark wood doors are front-and-center on the outside, and inside, the dining room has red leather banquettes and an exposed kitchen, where you can watch Bicknese prepare her marinated skirt steak with corn fritters and chipotle aioli. For dessert, you can build your own s'more or you can nibble at the cheese plate — a choice of three or five cheeses served with fruit and crusty Sullivan Street bread. The bar and lounge features a daily happy hour from 4 pm to 7 pm, and a "reverse happy hour" from 10 pm to midnight on weekdays, and 11 pm to 1 am on weekends with $3 drafts and $3 well drinks. Open daily for dinner, with sidewalk seating available.

Franny's

295 Flatbush Ave. at St. Marks Avenue, (718) 230-0221, www.frannysbrooklyn.com (MC, Visa) Entrees: $8-$15.

Owners Francine Stephens and Andrew Feinberg opened Franny's in March 2004. The rustic Italian menu features chicken liver "Toscano crostini" and appetizers like the house-cured "finnochiona" (Tuscan salami with fennel seeds). But their specialty is pizza. It is cooked in a wood burning brick oven. They also offer a diverse menu of toppings, from the clams, chilies and parsley pizza to the buffalo mozzarella, ricotta, garlic and oregano pizza. "We only use local, organic, and seasonal ingredients, and we cure all of our meat in house," says Manager Sarah Gaskins. Closed Mondays. Open Tuesday through Saturday for dinner and now open for lunch on weekends.

Garden Cafe

620 Vanderbilt Ave. at Prospect Place, (718) 857-8863 (AmEx, DC, Disc, MC, Visa) Entrees: $20-$22.

The name of this 20-year-old restaurant is a celebration of warm weather, sunshine and blooming flowers. Many of the dishes on chef John Policastro's menu incorporate warm, sunny flavors: Australian lamb chops with herbed orzo are topped with tomato tapenade; the swordfish "paillard" (thin slice) with curry corn relish; and the sea scallops with jasmine rice and coconut curry sauce. For dessert, try the white chocolate strawberry cake with strawberry mango puree. Prix fixe menus, served Tuesday through Thursday, are $26 for two courses and $30 for three courses. Closed Sundays and Mondays.

Ginger Root Cafe

702 Washington Ave. at St. Marks Place, (718) 857-1274 (MC, Visa) Entrees: $7-$10.

★ = Full review available at BrooklynPapers.com

Abbreviation Key: AmEx= American Express, DC= Diner's Club, Disc= Discover Card, MC= MasterCard, Visa= Visa Card

Owned by Layra Petrie and Wendy Taylor, Ginger Root Cafe specializes in home cooking and comfort foods with a Caribbean twist. Although they have an extensive menu that includes West Indian favorites like fish cakes and patties, "nothing is set in stone and we will cook what the diner asks for," says Petrie. Since 2004, the women in the kitchen have been serving up entrees like the marinated and grilled chicken with salad; fish dinners with mashed potatoes and green beans; and roti wraps with chicken, shrimp and vegetables.

Leave room for their freshly baked pastries, like their signature carrot cake or their pineapple tart. Catering and party platters available. Closed Mondays. Open Tuesday through Sunday for a light breakfast, lunch and dinner. Open late on the first Saturday of each month.

New Prospect Cafe

393 Flatbush Ave. at St. John's Place, (718) 638-2148 (AmEx, MC, Visa) Entrees: $9.25-$16.75.

Owner Jeff Binder's Cafe features a cozy interior and eclectic menu. Take an appetizer like blackened duck with fontina fajitas, green mole sauce, and sour cream. Soups and sandwiches are offered, like corn and shrimp with pepper cream or the almond vegetable burger with white cheddar cheese. For an entree, try the blackened catfish with green mole sauce, salsa, and corn pudding and for dessert, enjoy German chocolate cake. The cafe, which opened in 1984, is open daily for dinner and brunch on the weekends.

Restaurant Sorrel

605 Carlton Avenue at St. Mark's Place, (718) 622-1190 (Cash only) Entrees: $19-$24.

Chef and owner Alexander Tchistov opened Restaurant Sorrel in 2005 with the goal of providing Prospect Heights with "real American food" by using fresh and organic products from farmers markets. A standard menu is offered, but Tchistov says the three-course $25 prix fixe (which changes daily) is popular among customers. For an appetizer, Tchistov suggests the green salad with garden fruits or the red beets roasted with goat cheese and horseradish. For an entree, Tchistov recommends the white striped sea bass. And don't forget dessert; Sorrel offers chocolate mousse cake or a refreshing fruit soup on hot summer days. Open Tuesday through Sunday for dinner only. Closed Mondays.

Sugarcane

238 Flatbush Ave. at Bergen Street, (718) 230-3954, (AmEx, Disc, MC, Visa) Entrees: $15-$19.

Chef Phoebe Gumbs brings Caribbean cooking with a Trinidadian influence to the Park Slope-Prospect Heights area and gets rave reviews for her seafood, especially the sugarcane shrimp skewers and curried shrimp. Owned by Chef Phoebe's sister, Charmaine, and Gaspa Rodriguez, the restaurant's menu features many West Indian dishes, including a Jamaican favorite, jerk chicken. ★

Diners can choose from delicacies like steamed-codfish salad, rum-and-thyme-marinated stew chicken, and soursop flan. Since Sugarcane's opening in 2003, patrons have been clamoring for the callaloo, made with okra and taro root leaves, which is Trinidad's national dish. For dessert, Sugarcane is "famous" for its coconut bread pudding with coconut creme anglaise sauce, according to Gumbs. Or you may give the sorrel cheesecake a try. Sugarcane hosts live steel pan jazz performances every other Sunday, from 6 pm to 10 pm. Open Tuesday through Sunday for dinner. Closed Mondays.

Editor's note: These are a sampling of restaurants in the neighborhood. The list rotates, and it is not comprehensive. For more restaurants, go to www.brooklynpapers.com on the Web. If your restaurant is not listed and you would like it to be, please contact GO Brooklyn Editor Lisa Curtis via e-mail at Curtis@brooklynpapers.com.

Romantic ristorante

Billyburg's Baci & Abbracci has delish menu and garden

By Tina Barry
for The Brooklyn Papers

It's that time again: My daughter has left for camp. My husband and I will miss her, of course, so we shared a moment of silence before opening a bottle of wine and deciding where to have dinner.

It wasn't difficult to narrow our choices down to Baci & Abbracci in Williamsburg. With a name that translates to "kisses and hugs" in Italian, and a lush outdoor garden to while away a late supper, it seemed an apt spot for two suddenly free adults to enjoy one another.

We walked through the ristorante's polished dining room before settling at a table in the garden. Inside, the decor is swankier than most Billyburg hangouts with curvy wooden chairs and shelves of backlit wine bottles.

The restaurant's patio is a simply decorated area with a wooden fence and a tier of potted blue hydrangeas. There is no music in the garden, so we could hear each other easily. A cat, perched on the fire escape of a nearby building, voiced an occasional plaintive meow and a few muffled car honks sounded as if the traffic was miles — not yards — away. It's a blessedly serene way to dine.

The owners of this new ristorante are brothers Paolo and Carmine Cappiello, with partner Rocco Cadolini (who owns Roc in Tribeca). The brothers are as hip as their patrons: Paolo bald and sporting a soul patch; Carmine in a chocolate brown T-shirt with the eatery's logo. Both move about the dining room and garden, welcoming newcomers, stopping to see if customers are enjoying their meals and pouring wine.

"The food," says Paolo, "is mostly Tuscan with a little Sorrento [where the brothers grew up] thrown in." The partners, who opened their eatery in April, hired chef Franco Migliorine to create the menu and oversee the kitchen, with Sorrento native, pizzaiolo Francesco Mastelione making magic in the wood-burning oven.

Migliorine's preparations are light, but each dish is boldly flavored and simply plated to showcase fine ingredients. He has an affinity for ragus (the long-simmered meat sauces); there are three on the pasta section — as well as a number of gutsy noodle dishes. The penne was cooked al dente (an ideal, just this-side-of-chewy tenderness) and topped with a pungent, creamy-yet-weightless anchovy sauce dotted with rich black olives. It may sound like sodium overload, but the saline taste was oceanic, like a mouthful of seawater, not like someone went wild with the saltshaker.

DINING

Baci & Abbracci (204 Grand St. between Driggs and Bedford avenues in Williamsburg) accepts cash only. Entrees: $14-$24. The restaurant serves lunch and dinner daily. Brunch is available from noon to 4 pm on weekends. For reservations, call (718) 599-6599.

His lovely antipasti of stuffed vegetables contrasted robust notes with a delicate, breadcrumb topping. One large mushroom cap, a small eggplant half, a chunk of zucchini and a piece of red pepper cooked down to a mousse-like jam, were topped with just a spoonful or two of moist, crunchy, slightly garlicky bread crumbs. The topping added to — not distracted from — their earthy vegetable bases. The delicate appetizer needed nothing more than a dab of Migliorine's piquant, chile-brightened tomato sauce to enliven the dish.

Tuscan cooking is known for its use of thyme, sage, tarragon and rosemary, as well as its fine-roasted meats. In the succulent "stracotto di maiale," a hefty roasted pork loin chop met its match when teamed with the deeply fragrant rosemary. There are three elements to the dish: the crusty-edged meat infused with the herb, a bit of rosemary-redolent brown sauce and a few creamy triangles of polenta. After taking one bite and inhaling the fresh aroma of the sauce, I knew the chef had probably cooked the dish a million times and still took pleasure in its unbeatable pairing of sweet meat and piney herb.

Mastelione's "Baci & Abbracci" pie, topped with the perfectly harmonious trio of smoked mozzarella, pancetta and caramelized onion, is reason enough to visit the restaurant. The crust is thin but has enough heft to award a bit of chewiness. The combination of the cheese, enhanced by the wood smoke, the tender, salty ham and sweet onions, made it nearly impossible for us not to polish off the entire, beautifully charred serving.

The caramelized orange is one of those non-desserts you order when you're stuffed but still want something slightly sweet to finish the meal. Refreshing slices of the fruit are cooked in simple sugar syrup and served topped with slivers of orange rind.

Beneath the slightly sweetened whipped cream on the "torta della nonna" is a thick tier of pistachio pudding perched on a crisp crust. While Migliorine's grandmother's pastry appeared to have all the buoyancy of an encyclopedia, it was light, delicately flavored, and like all dishes that preceded it, melded tastes harmoniously.

By the end of our meal, we were a little giddy — weeks with no kid to worry about is no small thing. And, yes, a couple of glasses of wine only added to the evening's pleasure. So we fell for Baci & Abbracci's charms. What can I say? It's hard to be neutral about a place that means "kisses and hugs" and finds so many ways of giving you just that.



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Blowing kisses: At Baci & Abbracci, the traditional margherita pizza (top) and sliced trout covered in sliced white almonds (above).



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Urban farmers

Could Ditmas Park be the next dining destination?

Don't laugh.

If it happened to Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, it could happen anywhere. Signs of a culinary awakening can be spotted on Cortelyou Road with the July 13 opening of The Farm on Adderley.

The owners are Allison McDowell and Gary Jonas (pictured), Ditmas Park residents who grew tired of traveling to other neighborhoods for a decent meal.

After a six-month renovation of a former day-care center, the first-time restaurateurs fashioned a long, 40-seat space with a gorgeous outdoor dining area that's all elegance and zero kitsch.

Chef Tom Kearney's menu is where you'll find the true essence of The Farm. Kearney (formerly of Manhattan's Jean-Georges and Blue Hill and Williamsburg's Sweet Water) emphasizes seasonal ingredients culled from small farms and local purveyors. His dishes combine simple, satisfying combinations: chilled asparagus soup teams up with a poached, farm-fresh egg and slivers of artisanal Parmesan.

And the Farm has something I don't see enough of: an adult-worthy dessert menu. There's milk chocolate mousse with salted cream; a sponge cake soaked with lemon-thyme syrup and strewn with blueberries; and a trifle made with layers of lemon cake and strawberry-rhubarb compote.

Don't try finding Adderley on a map of Brooklyn. The Farm on Adderley refers to a South African expression Jonas's father used whenever Jonas asked for the impossible: "If that ever happens, I'll buy you a farm on Adderley." (Adderley is the equivalent of decidedly un-pastoral Flatbush Avenue.)

So much for dad!

The Farm on Adderley (1108 Cortelyou Road between Stratford and Westminster roads in Ditmas Park) accepts Discover, MasterCard and Visa. Entrees: $11-$16. The restaurant serves dinner daily. For reservations, call (718) 287-3101.

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Orbiting Brooklyn

Filmmaker sets '60s-style 'run and gun' indie, 'Satellite,' in Cobble Hill & Brooklyn Heights

By Karen Butler
for The Brooklyn Papers

"Satellite" may have been an official selection at the Tribeca Film Festival and recipient of a special jury prize at the Madrid Film Festival, but Jeff Winner, the independent movie's writer-director, says he knows people are really getting his film because they are approaching him and telling him about their own "Satellite" moments.

"I guess the 'Satellite' moments are sort of the chance encounters that change people's lives," Winner told GO Brooklyn in a recent phone interview. "After the Tribeca Film Festival, I had about 10 different people come up to me and tell me, 'Oh, my God, I had such a "Satellite" moment! That they would make that connection was really pleasing."

Shot in Manhattan, Cobble Hill and Brooklyn Heights, this grandchild of the French New Wave film movement is an unconventional, modern-day fairy tale about Kevin (Karl Geary) and Ro (Stephanie Szostak), two disillusioned New Yorkers who fall in love instantly, then dare each other to mine their lives for meaning.

After quitting their unsatisfying office jobs, the pair sells its worldly belongings and embarks on a quest for fulfillment by doing things long dreamt about: sleeping late, reading the classics, taking pictures, riding a motorcycle, learning to cook and speaking Spanish.

Unfortunately, the carefree life comes with a hefty price, our heroes soon learn. As Kevin starts talking about babies — just as the money is running out — and the couple is forced to steal to survive, his relationship with Ro begins to unravel, making both parties wonder how far they are willing to go to be together on their own, very specific terms.


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Out of this world: (Top) "Satellite" actors Karl Geary and Stephanie Szostak in a scene filmed on the Manhattan Bridge. (Above) Writer-director Jeff Winner filmed his movie throughout Brooklyn.

The provocative new film was partly born of Winner's own contemplation of the meaning of life.

"I think I am constantly going through this crisis of balancing my work life with my ambitions, in terms of lifestyle and quality of life," said Winner. "My challenge in life is sort of balancing between these two goals: having a certain kind of life of artistic living and sort of making ends meet."

So, did working on the film help Winner unearth the answers to that dilemma?

"I tend to find the things that are challenging me, and then I always end up sort of finding answers how my characters find answers," he explained. "And the movie does sort of beg the question: 'What makes your life meaningful? What matters to you, for real, when you remove all of the other stuff?' "

In writing the screenplay for "Satellite," Winner says he started with the film's surprise ending and worked his way backwards. In that way, he was able to distinguish for both himself and his viewers just where Kevin and Ro traverse the boundary between living life to the fullest and stomping on other people's rights and dreams.

"That became a conceit of the film," he noted. "I wanted them to be people who did go too far in lots of different ways, sort of trying to find that line. For me, the movie, more than anything else, is about our responsibility to ourselves and our responsibility to the people around us. It becomes entertaining in some ways. It's fun to see them cross lines, and then realize they did so and try to kind of back up and try to figure out where the line is."

The Georgia-born filmmaker, who now lives in Manhattan's East Village, says the decision to have an unidentified little girl narrate much of the film adds perspective, as well as a feeling of innocence, to the story.

"This is not supposed to be a movie that you take at face value," Winner warned. "This is not actually happening. This is someone's impression of a story that they heard about what happened."

Although shooting such a complicated story on a miniscule budget isn't an easy task, Winner says he thinks the '60s-style of "run and gun" shooting he employed actually enhanced the film's unique aesthetics.

"I really wanted it to be beautiful," he said, adding that time and budget constraints dictated that his small cast and crew had to run around town, grabbing as many shots as possible, hence the term "run and gun."

"I really wanted it to be archetypical in some way, where the images were familiar to you. I wanted you to be instantly in a world where you were familiar with it. And it was almost intoxicating, because you were able to focus on other things because you were so familiar with where you were," said Winner. "We also played with colors a lot. We used a lot of reds, greens and golds, and a lot of it was done to keep you in the world of the film, make you feel like everything was inside this world, as well as trying to bring out the movie's emotional story points."

Sharp-eyed Brooklynites will no doubt notice that a huge portion of the film was set and shot in the borough.

"The coffee shop is in Cobble Hill and, of course, there are scenes of the characters coming over the Brooklyn Bridge, and there is Cobble Hill Park and they live in Brooklyn. Cadman Plaza is in the beginning," Winner pointed out. "I think that what's really nice is [the film] sort of captures the Brooklyn Heights area, where she is stalking him. You get this slightly iconographic Brooklyn, but I tried to avoid showing things you've seen 1,000 times in the movies."

Even though his work here is done for now, Winner says he still spends plenty of time in Kings County.

"I love Brooklyn!" he declared. "I spend every weekend I can in Brooklyn. My girlfriend and I travel to Brooklyn all the time — for food! Right now, we're obsessed with Court Street and Smith Street. We go to Robin des Bois for brunch all the time and Hill Diner."

CINEMA

"**Satellite**" will have an exclusive run at the Pioneer Theater (155 E. Third St. between avenues A and B in Manhattan) from Aug. 9-15 at 9 pm. Tickets are $9 and are available at www.twoboots.com/pioneer. For more information, call (212) 591-0434.

100 Wine Tips



Discovery Wines for August

By Darrin Siegfried

I love to discover new things! Life is just too short to limit yourself to a routine of the same old things, over and over. While I do have a few "old favorites", when I'm in a restaurant and I see a dish I've never tried, I'll order it. I'll go to a gallery or museum to see the works of an artist I may have read about or heard of, but whose work I haven't seen before. To me, discovery is one of the true thrills of life, one of the things that really makes me feel alive.

I'm like that with wine, too. There are some wines that I return to or buy year after year, true, but I love to find wines that I'm not familiar with. Maybe it's a wine made from a grape I don't know, or from an area whose wines I haven't tried before, or made by a winemaker who is doing something different. It might be a wine that has been made from the same vineyard since the time of the Romans, or from a vineyard in an area that was never known for wine before.

The best (and often the most interesting) of these I bring to you every month as my Discovery Wines. Here, from the dozens I've tasted, are the three I've chosen for this month. I think you'll like them, and, like me, will want to share your discoveries with your friends!

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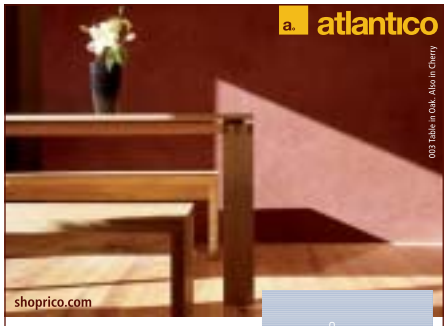
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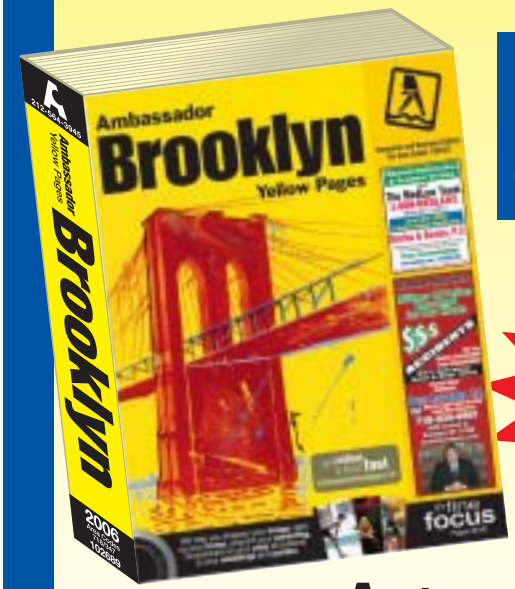
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Give peace a chance, or else: Crystal Field is a feisty member of the Granny Peace Brigade in "Tap Dance," as well as its author and director.

TAP DANCE...

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man with "corporate street smarts teaches him to tap into board rooms, screw over coworkers, and manipulate trustees," Field said.

But tapping isn't only a form of dance in this production. The government employs all kinds of "Bush administration shenanigans," said Field, like wiretaps, taps into Iraq, the Patriot Act and global warming just to name a few. In one scene, "a group of friends are planning to go out to dinner, and are surprised to hear President Bush suggest a different restaurant as he listens to their conversation."

In a world where privacy and civil rights are quickly disappearing, the young man finds he cannot follow the dance of greed, but does find a group of equally innocent friends, who are our story's heroes.

They meet a group of Native Americans who dance to help them discover that their simpler way of life, without corrupt governments, the desire for power, and noisy Blackberries is a better way of life.

As always, TNC will have various special effects throughout the show including a smoke machine, giant puppets, trap doors, masks and the legendary "cranky," a 9-by-12-foot screen that changes the scenery throughout the performance.

The process

The hour-long production takes a yearlong creative process to come together. Field says she keeps "a little paper bag in a drawer in my kitchen, and I throw notes in there throughout the year."

About two months before TNC starts touring, the playwright retreats to a trailer in the woods with her notes and thoughts and writes the entire musical.

"For many years, I didn't even keep a telephone with me!" she said.

As Field finishes pieces of the show, songs are sent to one of her three assistant directors, who relay the script to composer Joseph Vernon Banks, who sets it all to music.

Also during this process, the actors are attending multiple workshops on dance, improvisation, juggling, stilt walking, among other talents, and lectures about the issues the musical addresses.

Field said that in "Tap Dance" some of the actors will play the political and actually peace-loving "Raging Grannies," and one of the real life Grannies is coming to speak to the company about their liberal "Action League."

For all ages

Over the years, the 50-person TNC company has become a family. Field said they always have a variety of fresh-faced and veteran actors, this year ranging from age 10 to those well into their sixties.

And just like its cast, "Tap Dance" is for both children and adults. You may see clowns throwing white cream pies at each other, but here, they're symbolizing the government's whitewashing scandals.

"[Tap Dance] has a child-like quality to it on purpose," Field said. "People know when we're coming. They expect us, and we're always very popular with all different kinds of audiences that you find in the parks."

THEATER

Theater for the New City will perform "**Tap Dance**" in Brooklyn on Aug. 13 at Von King Park (Greene Street and Marcy Avenue in Bedford-Stuyvesant) at 2 pm; Aug. 18 on the Coney Island Boardwalk at West 10th Street at 8 pm; and Aug. 26 at the Prospect Park Concert Grove (enter on the corner of Parkside and Ocean avenues) at 2 pm. The performances are free and open to the public. For more information, visit www.theaterforthenewcity.net or call (212) 254-1109.

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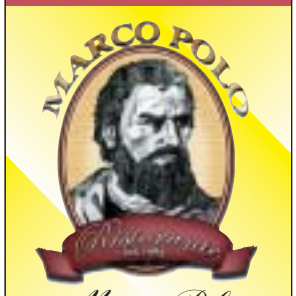


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SAT, AUG 5

OUTDOORS AND TOURS

DRAGONFLY HUNT: Prospect Park Audubon Center teaches techniques of dragonfly catching. Help naturalists collect, identify and mount dragonflies for the Audubon collection. $15. Noon to 2 pm. Audubon Center, enter park at Lincoln Road and Ocean Avenue. (718) 287-3400.

BIRD WATCHING CRUISE: Prospect Park Audubon Center hosts a cruise aboard the electric boat Independence. Tour the Lullwater, a scenic habitat for flora and fauna. $10, $6 kids. Binoculars provided. Noon to 12:40 pm. Enter park at Lincoln Road and Ocean Avenue. (718) 287-3400.

TWILIGHT WALK: Big Onion Tours takes a walk over the Brooklyn Bridge and through Brooklyn Heights. $15, $12 seniors, $10 students. 5 pm. Meet at southeast corner of Broadway and Chambers Street, lower Manhattan. (212) 439-1090.

LULLWATER EXPLORATION: Prospect Park Audubon Center hosts a boat tour detailing the park's aquatic habitat. $10, $6 kids. 1:15 pm to 1:55 pm. Enter park at Lincoln Road and Ocean Avenue. (718) 287-3400.

WALKING TOUR: Mauricio Lorence hosts the Metro Tour Service, taking a walk through Fort Greene, Clinton Hill and Brooklyn Heights. $25. 2 pm to 5 pm. Meet at Marriott Hotel Brooklyn, 333 Adams St. (718) 789-0430.

SUNSET ECO-CRUISE: NYC Audubon Society offers a tour to get up close-and-personal with some of the 3,000 herons nesting on islands around the NYC harbor. $25, $10 children ages 12 and younger. 7 pm to 8:30 pm. New York Water Taxi, South Street Seaport's Pier 17, lower Manhattan. (212) 742-1969.

GET ON THE WATER: The Urban Divers Estuary Conservancy hosts an urban river tour of The Paggank (Red Hook to Governors Island). Call to register and for time info. (718) 802-9874. **Free.**

PERFORMANCE

CELEBRATE BROOKLYN: Performing arts festival hosts its annual summer season of music, dance, word and film. Today: African Festival with African Underground Allstars, Martino Atangana and The African Blue Note. $3 donation. 2 pm to 9 pm. Prospect Park band shell, Ninth Street and Prospect Park West. (718) 855-7882.

BROOKLYN BALLET: Brooklyn-based repertory company and dance school takes ballet to the streets with a performance in Amersfort Park. 4:30 pm. Avenue I and East 39th Street. (718) 246-0146. **Free.**

OPERA FEST: Brooklyn College presents Mozart's "The Magic Flute." $20 and $25; $15 seniors and students. 7:30 pm. Whitman Hall, Brooklyn College, one block from the intersection of Flatbush and Nostrand avenues. (718) 951-5000, ext. 1420.

CHILDREN

KID'S CONCERT: Carroll Park Kid's Concert Series presents Suzi Shelton. 11 am. Carroll and Smith streets. www.carrollparkbrooklyn.org. **Free.**

PROSPECT PARK CAROUSEL: Take a ride. $1.50 per ride. Noon to 5 pm. Flatbush and Ocean avenues. (718) 282-7789.

PUPPETWORKS: presents a marionette performance of "The Wizard of Oz." $8, $7 children. Recommended for ages 4 and older. 12:30 pm and 2:30 pm. 338 Sixth Ave. at Fourth Street. (718) 965-3391.

STORY HOUR: Storytelling adventures at Imagination Playground, hosted by the Ezra Jack Keats Foundation. 2 pm to 3 pm. Enter Prospect Park at Ocean Avenue, between Parkside Avenue and Lincoln Road. (718) 965-8999. **Free.**

SHOOTS AND ROOTS: Staten Island Children's Museum hosts an inter-generational gardening program. $5. 11 am to noon. 1000 Richmond Terrace, Staten Island. (718) 273-2060.

OTHER

FIRST SATURDAY: Brooklyn Museum offers its monthly event featuring music, talks, art making, dance and films. This month's event is Caribbean-themed in honor of the West Indian American Day Carnival Association's Labor Day event. "My American Girls: A Dominican Story" (2002) documentary at 5 pm. Screening of "Sugar Cane Alley" (1983) at 6:30 pm. Music with Jose Conde y Ola Fresca from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Tour of exhibit "Graffiti," at 7 pm. More. Dance party from 9 pm to 11 pm. Event begins at 5 pm. Brooklyn Museum, 200 Eastern Parkway. (718) 638-5686. **Free.**

SUMMER ART SHOW: Brooklyn Waterfront Artists Coalition hosts a new show: "Food for...A Feast for The Eyes," in honor of Red Hook's new grocery store, Fairway. 1 pm to 7 pm. 499 Van Brunt St. (718) 596-2506. **Free.**

BAMCINEMATEK: presents "The Leading Men of French Cinema Series." Today: "Grand Illusion," (1937). $10, $7 children and seniors. 2 pm, 4:30 pm, 6:50 pm and 9:15 pm. 30 Lafayette Ave. (718) 777-FILM. www.bam.org.

BOYS OF SUMMER: Brooklyn Cyclones play. Tickets $7 to $14. 6 pm. Keyspan Park, 1904 Surf Ave. at West 19th Street. Call for info. (718) 507-TIXX.

ROOFTOP FILMS: "Trapped Inside the Machine." $8. Music with Johnnymercytrbee at 8:30 pm; film at 9 pm. Automotive High School, 50 Bedford Ave. (718) 417-7362.

SATURDAY NIGHT FILM: Coney Island Museum presents "The Violent Year" (1956). $5 includes popcorn. 8:30 pm. 1208 Surf Ave. (718) 372-5159.

KARATE CHAMPIONSHIP: Long Island University hosts the fifth World University Karate Championships. Brooklyn Campus Wellness, Recreation and Athletic Center, Ashland Place and DeKalb Avenue. Call for info. (516) 750-0722.

SUN, AUG 6

OUTDOORS AND TOURS

EARLY BIRD WALK: Prospect Park Audubon Center takes a walk to search for early migrants along the park's waterways and in the woodlands. 8 am to 10 am. Enter park at Lincoln Road and Ocean Avenue. (718) 287-3400. **Free.**

ISLAND CRUISE: Brooklyn Center for the Urban Environment offers "Other Island of New York Cruise." Tour the southern islands of NY Bay. Learn the history of Roosevelt Island, Ward's Island, Randall's Island and the Brother Islands. Pre-payment necessary. $50, $40 members. 9:30 am to noon. Meet at Fulton Ferry Landing, foot of Old Fulton Street. (718) 788-8500, ext. 208.

WILD TOUR: Naturalist and author "Wildman" Steve Brill hosts his Wild Food and Ecology Tour of Prospect Park. $12. $6 children ages 11 and younger. 11:45 am to 3:45 pm. Meet at Prospect Park's Grand Army Plaza entrance. (914) 835-2153.

PARK SLOPE TOUR: Big Onion Tours takes a tour of Brooklyn's "Gold Coast." Stops include The Montauk Club, Litchfield Manor and sites associated with Charles Gilbert, Mayor William Gaynor and Adams Chewing Gum. $15, $12 seniors, $10 students. 1 pm. Meet at southeast corner of Plaza Street West and Flatbush Avenue, at newsstand. (212) 439-1090.

WALKING TOUR: The Brooklyn Bridge Park Development Corporation hosts a guided walking tour of the East River. Learn about the site's history, current condition and the design of the future park. 4 pm. Tours begin at 334 Furman St., north of Atlantic Avenue. Reservations necessary. (212) 803-3826. **Free.**

PERFORMANCE

OPERA FEST: Brooklyn College presents a concert featuring artists of the National Opera Center with the Sheep Meadow Chamber Orchestra. $20 and $25; $15 seniors and students. 2 pm. Whitman Hall, Brooklyn College, one block from the intersection of Flatbush and Nostrand avenues. (718) 951-5000, ext. 1420.

MUSIC: St. Dominic's Parish hosts a program of arias and songs. $10. 4 pm. 75th Street and 20th Avenue. (718) 259-4636.

CHILDREN

BIG CITY BLUES: The Puppeteers' Cooperative brings its pageant from Lincoln Center to the Audubon Center at the Boathouse. Puppets of all sizes featured. 4 pm. Enter park at Lincoln Road and Ocean Avenue. (718) 287-3400. **Free.**

PUPPETWORKS: "The Wizard of Oz." 12:30 pm and 2:30 pm. See Sat., Aug. 5.

OTHER

CHILI CRAB FEST: Third annual Tiger Beer Singapore Chili Crab Festival brings Southeast Asian cuisine and culture to the Brooklyn waterfront. Asian entertainment includes kickboxing demos, lion dancers, carnival games, pedicab rides and live bands. Noon to 6 pm. Festival takes place in front of Water Street Restaurant and Lounge, 66 Water St., between Dock and Main streets. (646) 366-1400.

SUMMER ART SHOW: Brooklyn Waterfront Artists Coalition hosts "Artists Cook Weekend," in conjunction with its show: "Food for...A Feast for The Eyes," in honor of Red Hook's new grocery store, Fairway. 1 pm to 7 pm. 499 Van Brunt St. (718) 596-2506. **Free.**

CEMETERY PLOTS: Green-Wood Cemetery offers a writing seminar taught by author and filmmaker Alana Cash. Class includes a short tour through a part of Green-Wood and then a writing exercise based on an assigned theme. Open to all skill levels. $45. 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm. Pre-registration necessary. 25th Street and Fifth Avenue. (718) 768-7300.

POOL PARTY: at McCarren Park. Activities include hairdresser Bean of Beehive and Frank of Saloon Salon offering hairstyling tips. Also, punk rock embroidery and sock dog-making workshop. Free ice cream. 2 pm to 8 pm. Lorimer Street between Driggs and Bayard avenues. www.thepoolparties.com. **Free.**

BONSAI TALK: Bonsai expert lectures on the care, growth and grooming of bonsai plants. Attendees are invited to bring their bonsai for examination. 2 pm. The Landing, 20 Old Fulton St. Call for reservations. (917) 669-0378. **Free.**

BAMCINEMATEK: presents "The Leading Men of French Cinema Series." Today: "Boudu Saved From Drowning" (1932). $10, $7 children and seniors. 2 pm, 4:30 pm, 6:50 pm and 9:15 pm. 30 Lafayette Ave. (718) 777-FILM. www.bam.org.

DUMBO BLOCK PARTY: Arts and crafts, DJs, bands, BBQ. All day. Pearl Street between Front and Water streets. **Free.**

MON, AUG 7

AQUATIC ADVENTURERS: NY Aquarium hosts a summer program for kids, ages 6 to 8. Program includes behind-the-scenes visits, strolls on the beach, arts and crafts activities and more. $185, $160 members. 9 am to 1 pm. Daily, through Aug 10. West Eighth Street and Surf Avenue. (718) 265-FISH.

SCREENINGS: hosted by the Lutheran Family Health Centers. Prostate cancer screenings, blood pressure screenings, dental education, Health Plus information, guest speakers and more. 9 am to noon. Sunset Park Family Health Center, 150 55th St. (718) 630-7155. **Free.**

BASEBALL FUNDRAISER: Cyclones vs. Staten Island Yankees. Also, hear an update on Hadassah Associates' projects in Israel. $25, $15 children. 6:30 pm. Key Span Park, 1904 Surf Ave. Call to reserve. (718) 375-2596.

BAMCINEMATEK: presents "Raising Hell: Sam Peckinpah." Today: "The Getaway" (1972). $10, $7 children and seniors. 6:50 pm and 9:30 pm. 30 Lafayette Ave. (718) 777-FILM. www.bam.org.

CONCERT SERIES: Martin Luther King Jr. series continues its 24th season. Today, a performance by hip-hop legend LL Cool J. 7:30 pm. Wingate Field, Winthrop Street between Brooklyn and Kingston avenues. (718) 469-1912. www.brooklyncares.com. **Free.**

SUMMER MINI CAMP: Staten Island Children's Museum hosts a workshop "Go Fly A Kite...and Other Flying Machines." $275, full-days from 9 am to 4 pm; $150, half-days 9 am to noon or 1 pm to 4 pm. Through Aug. 11. 1000 Richmond Terrace, Staten Island. (718) 273-2060.

TUES, AUG 8

AUTHOR TALKS: presented by Brooklyn Public Library's Mill Basin branch. Today, Reed Farrel Coleman reads from an anthology of slash and burn short stories set in Brooklyn. 11 am. 2385 Ralph Ave. (718) 241-3973. **Free.**

SCREENINGS: hosted by the Lutheran Family Health Centers. Blood pressure, dental, HIV and more. 9 am to noon. Park Slope Family Health Center, 220 13th St. (718) 832-5980. **Free.**

PLAYGROUND FUN: Brooklyn Heights Playground Committee presents an evening of arts and crafts. 6 pm to 8 pm. Best for kids ages 3 to 5. Parent or caregiver must be present. Pierrepont Playground. www.bhplayground.org. **Free.**

BAMCINEMATEK: presents "Raising Hell: Sam Peckinpah." Today: "The Ballad of Cable Hogue" (1970). $10, $7 children and seniors. 6:50 pm and 9:30 pm. 30 Lafayette Ave. (718) 777-FILM. www.bam.org.

WORDS AND MUSIC: Magnetic Field presents George Pelecanos reading from his novel "The Night Gardener." Also, Steve Wynn performs songs. 7:30 pm. No cover. 97 Atlantic Ave. (718) 834-0069.

DOUBLE READING: Book Court hosts Brooklyn author Jami Attenberg and Hana Schank. 8 pm. 163 Court St. (718) 875-3677. **Free.**

WEDS, AUG 9

CAPOEIRA DANCE: City Parks Kids hosts a dance hour with Harlem School of Capoeira. 10:30 am. Sunset Park, 44th Street and Sixth Avenue, playground area. (718) 437-1413. **Free.**

SCREENINGS: hosted by the Lutheran Family Health Centers. Blood pressure, dental, glucose, obesity and pregnancy testing, health info on chronic disease management and more. 1 pm to 3 pm. Bay Ridge's Neighborhood Naturally Occurring Retirement Community at the Shore Road Family Health Center, 9000 Shore Road. (718) 630-6827. **Free.**

BUSINESS SEMINAR: and workshop presented by St. Joseph's College. Today, "What Are Your Legal Issues?" with speaker Martin Jaffe. 6:15 pm to 7:45 pm. Tuohy Hall Auditorium, St. Joseph's College, 245 Clinton Ave. (718) 636-6880. **Free.**

BAMCINEMATEK: presents a sneak preview and Q and A with filmmakers of "Half Nelson" (2006). $10, $7 children and seniors. 7 pm. 30 Lafayette Ave. (718) 777-FILM. www.bam.org.

BROWNSTONE GARDEN BBQ: hosted by the Young Leaders of Brooklyn Hadassah. Women in their 20s, 30s, and 40s are invited. 6:30 pm. Call for more info. (718) 375-2596. **Free.**

READING: Book Court hosts an evening of Rumi poetry and discussion with Shahram Shiva. 8 pm. 163 Court St. (718) 875-3677. **Free.**

THURS, AUG 10

SCREENINGS: hosted by the Lutheran Family Health Centers. Blood pressure, glucose, breast-feeding education, bicycle fitness assessments, WIC, Reach Out and Read and more. 10 am to 2 pm. Family Support Center, 6025 Sixth Ave. (718) 630-7186. **Free.**

RHYTHM AND BLUES: Brooklyn Academy of Music continues it's annual outdoor lunchtime concert series. Today: music with Billy Paul. Noon to 2 pm. Metro Tech Commons, corner of Flatbush and Myrtle avenues. (718) 636-4100. **Free.**

LIBRARY EVENT: Brooklyn Public Library's New Utrecht branch presents "Entertaining with the Sopranos." Michele Sicicolone gives tips from her Sopranos-inspired cook book. 1:30 pm. 86th Street and Bay 17th Street. (718) 236-4086. **Free.**

BAMCINEMATEK: presents "The Leading Men of French Cinema Series." Today: "Les Cousins" (1959). $10, $7 children and seniors. 4:30 pm, 6:50 pm and 9:15 pm. 30 Lafayette Ave. (718) 777-FILM. www.bam.org.

PLAYGROUND FUN: Brooklyn Heights Playground Committee presents an evening of arts and crafts. 6 pm to 8 pm. Best for kids ages 3 to 5. Parent or caregiver must be present. Pierrepont Playground. www.bhplayground.org. **Free.**

MOVIES WITH A VIEW: Brooklyn Bridge Park's series presents "Bonnie and Clyde," rated R. Music at 6 pm; movie at sunset. Empire-Fulton Ferry State Park, New Dock Street at Water Street in DUMBO. (718) 802-0603. **Free.**

MUSIC IN THE PARK: Old time rock 'n' roll with "The Beatnix." 7 pm. Cobble Hill Park, Henry Street. **Free.**

SEASIDE PARK CONCERT: Annual concert series presents music with the B-52's. $10, or bring your own chair or blanket at no charge. 7:30 pm. Asser Levy Seaside Park, West Fifth Street and Surf Avenue in Coney Island. (718) 469-1912.

BARGEMUSIC: presents a program by Bach, Shostakovich, and Mozart. $35, $30 seniors. 7:30 pm. Fulton Ferry Landing, Old Fulton Street at the East River. (718) 624-2083.

TWILIGHT TOUR: Prospect Park Alliance hosts an evening of strolling and cruising, wine and cheese and the Park's mysterious nocturnal fauna. The tour starts with a ride on the electric boat Independence, followed by a guided tour. $25 per person. 7 pm. Audubon Center. Enter park at Lincoln Road and Ocean Avenue. Reservations necessary. (718) 287-3400, ext. 114.

FRI, AUG 11

MYSORE MORNINGS: Mysore-style Ashtanga Yoga. $10 per session. 6 am to 9 am. Weekdays, through Aug. 31. Avant Floor, 210 Kent Ave. in Williamsburg. www.ashtangabrooklyn.com.

ICE CREAM SUMMER: Staten Island Children's Museum hosts Kidz Cook. Today, "Ice Cream Floats." Free, with $5 museum admission. Noon, 1 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm, and 3:45 pm. 1000 Richmond Terrace in Staten Island. (718) 273-2060.

BAMCINEMATEK: presents "The Leading Men of French Cinema Series." Today: "Casque D'or" (1952). $10, $7 children and seniors. 2 pm, 4:30 pm, 6:50 pm and 9:15 pm. 30 Lafayette Ave. (718) 777-FILM. www.bam.org.

TANG DYNASTY: Brooklyn Children's Museum hosts a program of music and dance from the Tang Dynasty. 5 pm and 6:30 pm. 145 Brooklyn Ave. (718) 735-4400. **Free.**

MEN'S HEALTH: Long Island University is conducting a study on prostate health of men residing in different areas of Brook-

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Junior high drama: "Half Nelson," by Brooklyn filmmakers Ryan Fleck and Anna Boden, will be shown at BAMcinematek on Aug. 9 at 7 pm. A Q&A with Fleck and Boden follows the screening.

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BROOKLYN Nightlife

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Amarachi Lounge

325 Franklin Ave. at Clifton Place in Bedford-Stuyvesant, (646) 641-4510, www.amarachilounge.com.

Saturdays: Global Saturdays, 10 pm, $5; **Sundays:** Open Mic Artist Showcase, 5 pm, $5; **Wednesdays:** Laugh out Loud Wednesdays, 8 pm, $7; **Thursdays:** Fashun4ward, live fashion show featuring Brooklyn designers and models, 8 pm, $7; **Fridays:** Baba Jagun and his Ancestral Rhythms, 8 pm, $10.

Anyway Cafe

1602 Gravesend Neck Road at East 16th Street in Sheepshead Bay, (718) 934-5988, www.anywaycafe.com.

Tuesdays: Jazzy funk with Karin Okada and guests, 9 pm, FREE.

Asser Levy Park

West Fifth Street and Surf Avenue in Coney Island, (718) 469-1912, www.brooklynconcerts.com.

Aug. 10: The B-52's, 7:30 pm, FREE.

Bar 4

444 Seventh Ave. at 15th Street in Park Slope, (718) 832-9800.

Aug. 6: Tim Zeismer's Ampersand, 8 pm, 10 pm, $5 (includes both sets).

Barbes

376 Ninth St. at Sixth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 965-9177, www.barbesbrooklyn.com.

Sundays: Stephane Wrembel, 9 pm, $8 suggested donation; **Tuesdays:** Slavic Soul Party, 9 pm, $10 suggested donation; **Wednesdays:** "Night of the Ravished Limbs," 9 pm, $8; **Aug. 5:** The Jonathan Haffner Quartet, 8 pm, $8 suggested donation, The Jack Grace Band, 10 pm, $8 suggested donation; **Aug. 6:** The Brasil Guitar Duo, 7 pm, $8 suggested donation; **Aug. 7:** Bob Jones & Boo Reiners are The Plunk Brothers, 10 pm, $8 suggested donation; **Aug. 8:** Todd Sickafoose's Blood Oranges, 7 pm, $8 suggested donation; **Aug. 9:** Bizingas Trio, 8 pm, $8, The Ben Gerstein Collective, 10 pm, $8; **Aug. 10:** Sam Bardfeld's Stuff Smith Project, 8 pm, $8 suggested donation, Rachelle Garniez, 10 pm, $8 suggested donation; **Aug. 11:** The Hunger Mountain Boys, 8 pm, $8 suggested donation, The Wilyos, 10 pm, $8 suggested donation; **Aug. 12:** Howard Fishman's The Bald Faced Liars, 10 pm, $8 suggested donation.

Bembe

81 S. Sixth St. at Berry Street in Williamsburg, (718) 387-5389, www.bembe.us.

Saturdays: Rhum, live DJs alongside live percussion flavors, 9 pm, FREE; **Sundays:** No Selector with live DJs, 9 pm, FREE; **Mondays:** 81 Jump Street with DJs Nacho Libre and Sally, 10 pm, FREE; **Tuesdays:** Natural Selections with DJ Jon Bless and guests, 9 pm, FREE; **Wednesdays:** Convalescence with DJ Stefan Andemicael, 9 pm, FREE; **Thursdays:** Toque with DJs Busqualo and Captain Planet with live rumba by Romain Diaz and Pupi and the Oriki Omi Oddra Rumba Ensemble, 10 pm, FREE; **Fridays:** World Beat Flavors, 9 pm, FREE.

Black Betty

366 Metropolitan Ave. at Havemeyer Street in Williamsburg, (718) 599-0243, www.blackbetty.net.

Saturdays: DJs Yah Supreme and Concerned, 11 pm, FREE; **Sundays:** Brazilian Beat with DJ Sean Marquand and DJ Greg Caz, 10 pm, FREE; **Mondays:** Rev. Vince Anderson and his Love Choir, 10:30 pm, FREE; **Tuesdays:** Hot Rocks, 10 pm, FREE; **Wednesdays:** The Break Ups, 9:30 pm, FREE; **Thursdays:** Kings County Soul Night featuring DJs Monkone, Emskee, Finewine & Nick Cope, 10 pm, FREE; **Fridays:** The Greenhouse with DJ MonkOne and DJs Emskee and MC G-man, 11 pm, FREE.

Bubby's Brooklyn Pie Company

1 Main St. at Plymouth Street in DUMBO, (718) 222-0666, www.bubbys.com.

Aug. 8: Andy Statman with Greg Burrows, 9 pm, $7; **Aug. 10:** Julia Hurvich, 8 pm, $5, Kesting Charney, 9 pm, $5.

Bush Baby Coffee and Tea House

1197 Fulton St. at Bedford Avenue in Bedford-Stuyvesant, (718) 636-5336.

Aug. 5: Jowee Omicil, 8 pm, FREE.

Cafe Steinhof

422 Seventh Ave. at 14th Street in Park Slope, (718) 369-7776, www.cafesteinhof.com.

Aug. 9: The Jack Grace Band, 10:30 pm, FREE.

Center for Improvisational Music

295 Douglass St. at Third Avenue, in Park Slope, (212) 631-5888, www.cimusic.org.

Aug. 9: Tim Berne, Brad Shepik, Drew Gress, Jim Black, 11:30 am, $30; **Aug. 10:** TYFT, 8 pm, $12.

Club Exit

147 Greenpoint Ave. at Manhattan Avenue in Greenpoint, (718) 349-6969, www.club-exit.com.

Saturdays: DJ Dance Party, 10 pm, $15 (ladies FREE until 11 pm); **Fridays:** DJ Dance Party, 10 pm, FREE.

Club Xo

1819 Utica Ave. at Avenue J in Flatlands, (718) 209-0525, www.clubxonyc.com.

Fridays: "The Best of the Best" featuring live DJs, 11 pm, FREE before midnight, $10 after midnight.

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Manu Chao will perform at the Prospect Park Band Shell on Aug. 7 with Plastilina Mosh.

Cornerstone Pub

1502 Cortelyou Rd. at Marlborough Road in Flatbush, (718) 940-9037, www.cornerstonepub.com.

Tuesdays: Dan Pratt Quartet, 9 pm, FREE (donation suggested); **Thursdays:** Stephane Wrembel's Hot Club of New York, 9 pm, FREE; **Fridays:** DJ Juicee spins Music That'll Make You Thirsty, 10 pm, FREE.

Crossroads Cafe

1421 Prospect Ave. at Reeve Place in Windsor Terrace, (718) 972-1852.

Aug. 10: Gina Samardge, 7 pm, Alicia Matthewson, 8 pm, FREE.

Crossroads Saloon

2079 Coney Island Ave. at Kings Highway in Sheepshead Bay, (718) 339-9393.

Saturdays and **Fridays:** Karaoke, 9 pm, FREE.

Le Dakar Cafe

285 Grand Ave. at Lafayette Avenue in Clinton Hill, (718) 398-8900, www.dakarcafe.net.

Mondays: Kaswa, a cast member in "The Lion King," sings live, 9 pm, $5; **Wednesdays:** Soul Session with DJ Op, 8 pm, FREE; **Thursdays:** DJ Moh, 8 pm, FREE.

Dragon Lounge

145 Atlantic Ave. at Clinton Street in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 624-7658, www.dragonloungebklyn.com.

Mondays: Mix Master Mondays, 7 pm, FREE; **Tuesdays:** Trivia (music and movie trivia), 8 pm, $1.

Europa Night Club

98 Meserole Ave. at Manhattan Avenue in Greenpoint, (718) 383-5723, www.europaclub.com.

Saturdays: "VIP Dance Party," 10 pm, FREE before 10:30 pm, $15 after 10:30 pm; **Tuesdays:** Karaoke Night, 8 pm, FREE; **Fridays:** Sexy Progressive/Dance party. 10 pm, FREE before 10:30 pm, $15 after 10:30 pm; **Aug. 5:** Mr. & Mrs. Greenpoint, a bodybuilding contest for men and a bikini contest for women, Time TBD, $TBD; **Aug. 6:** Dana LaCroix, 7:30 pm, $10 (students free before 8 pm with valid student ID).

Five Spot Restaurant

459 Myrtle Ave. at Washington Avenue in Clinton Hill, (718) 852-0202, www.fivespotsoulfood.com.

Saturdays: DJ Kenny Parker, 11 pm, $TBD; **Mondays:** Open Turntables with DJ Copa, 8 pm, FREE; **Tuesdays:** Hot Damn Tuesdaze hosted by Dave Laster, 9 pm, $5; **Wednesdays:** Soul F'Real, an open mic with Da Feel, hosted by Anisa, 9 pm, $5; **Aug. 5:** Jiant, 9 pm, $5; **Aug. 10:** Fashion Show, 6 pm, $TBD, Live reggae show, 9 pm, $TBD; **Aug. 11:** 1 Accord RNB Showcase, Time TBD, $TBD.

Galapagos

70 N. Sixth St. at Wythe Avenue in Williamsburg, (718) 782-5188, www.galapagosartspace.com.

Fridays: VJ/DJ Friday Nights, 10 pm, FREE; **Aug. 5:** (Backroom) Brooklyn Battle Royale, 7 pm, $TBD, (Front room) Urbanfolé presents Moon Under Crookyn, 9 pm, $5; **Aug. 6:** East African Benefit Concert with Chosen, Saaba Saaba, LF, The Foundation Movement, Substatomic Sound System, and special guests, 8 pm, $5-$10 (sliding scale); **Aug. 10:** (Front room) DJ Concerned Presents, 10 pm, $10. **Aug. 11:** (Backroom) Jezebel Music Consignment Party, 10 pm, FREE, (Front room) BLATT Readings with Tod Thilleman, Julia Cohen, Joshua Cohen, and more, 8 pm, FREE.

Hank's Saloon

46 Third Ave. at Atlantic Avenue in Boerum Hill, (718) 625-8003, www.hankssaloon.com.

Sundays: Shotgun Shack, 6 pm, Sean Kershaw and the New Jack Ramblers, 10 pm, FREE; **Wednesdays:** Mobscenity, 10 pm, FREE; **Aug. 5:** The Whores, 10 pm, FREE; **Aug. 10:** Erin Farrell, 10 pm, FREE; **Aug. 11:** Scott Sharrard, 10 pm, Frank Morey, 11 pm, FREE; **Aug. 12:** The Rustlanders, 10 pm, Her & Kings County, 11 pm, The Delaware Rag, Midnight, FREE.

The Hook

18 Commerce St. at Columbia Street in Red Hook, (718) 797-3007, www.thehookmusic.com.

Aug. 5: No Fun presents Panopticon Eyelids, 9 pm, Mouthus, 10 pm, Monotract, 11 pm, Magik Markers, Mid-

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night, $8 in advance, $10 day of the show; **Aug. 11:** Andrew Valentino, 23rd Street, 8:30 pm, $8; **Aug. 12:** Summer Power Madness 2006, 7 pm, $TBD.

Hope and Anchor
347 Van Brunt St. at Wolcott Street in Red Hook, (718) 237-0276.
Saturdays, Thursdays and **Fridays:** Karaoke hosted by drag queen Kay Sera, 9 pm, FREE.

Impact Theater
190 Underhill Ave. at Sterling Place in Prospect Heights, (718) 852-2105, http://groups.msn.com/impacttheaternyc.
Fridays: Stand-Up Comedy Nights, 10 pm, $7.

Jolie Restaurant
320 Atlantic Ave. at Hoyt Street in Boerum Hill, (718) 488-0777, www.jolierestaurant.com.
Tuesdays: Bonne Ambiance Mardi Night featuring live music with Peter Davenport, 9 pm, FREE.

Kili Bar-Cafe
81 Hoyt St. at State Street in Boerum Hill, (718) 855-5574.
Tuesdays: Open acoustics, 10 pm, FREE; **Fridays:** DJ Chappy plays rock, hip-hop and funk, 10:30 pm, FREE.

Laila Lounge
113 N. Seventh St. at Wythe Avenue in Williamsburg, (718) 486-6791, www.lailalounge.com.
Sundays: Bloody's, 4 pm, FREE; **Mondays:** Karaoke, 10 pm, FREE; **Tuesdays:** APA League, 7 pm, FREE; **Wednesdays:** Jezebel Music Showcase with an open mic, 7:30 pm, Live music, 8:30 pm, FREE; **Aug. 11:** OHM, 11 pm, FREE; **Aug. 12:** Prof. Rockwell and guests, 10 pm, FREE.

Les Babouches
7803 Third Ave. at 78th Street in Bay Ridge, (718) 833-1700.
Saturdays and **Fridays:** Belly dancer Shahrazad, 8 pm, FREE.

The Lucky Cat
245 Grand St. at Roebling Street in Williamsburg, (718) 782-0437, www.theluckycat.com.
Mondays: Joe McGinty's Piano Parlor and keyboard karaoke, 11 pm, FREE; **Tuesdays:** Jezebel Music Open Mic Night hosted by Dave Cuomo, 7 pm, FREE; **Fridays:** Finger on the Pulse with live DJs, 11 pm, FREE; **Aug. 5:** Big Cream with Ned Muffelburger Band, 9 pm, Loren Dent, Skyplist, Soundbook One, 11 pm, FREE; **Aug. 6:** True Nature, 7 pm, Bobby Mitchell, 7:45 pm, Aron Guy, 8:15 pm, Emily White, 9 pm, Hussy Hicks, 10 pm, Shul of Rock, 11 pm, FREE; **Aug. 8:** Organ Grinder Tuesday with Sammytown Jones and DJ Eric Spade, 10 pm, $3; **Aug. 9:** The Carnies, 9 pm, The Baghdaddios, DJ Rob Nitro, 10 pm, FREE; **Aug. 10:** Sleepglue Music presents The Twelve Canons and more, 9 pm, $TBD; **Aug. 11:** Goldstreets and more, 9 pm, $TBD; **Aug. 12:** Afropunk Social Hour, DJ Wildcat, DJ Spooner, and more, 9 pm, $5.

Magnetic Field
97 Atlantic Ave. at Henry Street in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 834-0069, www.magneticbrooklyn.com.
Aug. 10: Talented LTD presents Live Band Karaoke, 8 pm, FREE; **Aug. 11:** Tighten Up Brooklyn!, 11 pm, FREE; **Aug. 12:** Dead Flowers presents Noblesse Oblige and more, 8 pm, $7, Switched On!, 11 pm, FREE.

Magnolia
486 Sixth Ave. at 12th Street in Park Slope, (718) 369-4814, www.magnoliabrooklyn.com.
Fridays: Live music, 9:30 pm, FREE; **Aug. 11:** Bianca, 9:30 pm, FREE.

McCarren Park Pool
At Lorimer St., Driggs Ave., and Bayard St. in Williamsburg, (212) 777-6800, www.livenation.com.
Aug. 11: Yeah Yeah Yeahs and Sonic Youth with Blood on the Wall, 6 pm, $35; **Aug. 12:** Yeah Yeah Yeahs and Sonic Youth with Awesome Color, 5 pm, $35.

Melt
440 Bergen St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 230-5925.
Saturdays and **Fridays:** Meet and Mingle, 11 pm, FREE.

National Restaurant
273 Brighton Beach Ave. at Brighton Second Street in Brighton Beach, (718) 646-1225, www.come2national.com.
Saturdays: Live Russian music and dance show, 9 pm, FREE (with $65 prix fixe dinner); **Fridays:** Live Russian music and dance show, 9 pm, FREE (with $50 prix fixe dinner); **Sundays:** Live Russian music and dance show, 7 pm, FREE (with $50 prix fixe dinner).

Night and Day Restaurant
230 Fifth Ave. at President Street in Park Slope, (718) 399-2161, www.nightanddayrestaurant.com.
Sundays: John McNeil and Bill McHenry, 8:30 pm, $6 and $7 food/drink minimum; **Tuesdays:** Songwriters Showcase hosted by Staci & Justin, 7 pm, FREE with $7 food/drink minimum, Live jazz jam hosted by the Art Bailey Trio, 9 pm, $5 suggested donation and $7 food/drink minimum; **Aug. 5:** Deborah Latz Quartet, 9 pm, $10 and $7 food/drink minimum; **Aug. 7:** Vocals & Standards Series with Angela Bingham, 9 pm, $5 and $7 drink minimum; **Aug. 9:** The Kelsey Jillette Group, 9 pm, $5 suggested donation and $7 drink minimum; **Aug. 10:** John Sobol's Blues in the Open, Time TBD, Emma Joy, 9 pm, Aziza, 10 pm, $10 and $7 drink minimum; **Aug. 11:** The Vagabonds, 7 pm, $5 suggested donation and $7 drink minimum, Danielle Gasparro, 9 pm, $5 suggested donation and $7 drink minimum; **Aug. 12:** Brian Vanarsdale, 7 pm, $5 suggested donation and $7 drink minimum.

Night of the Cookers
767 Fulton St. at South Portland Avenue in Fort Greene, (718) 797-1197.
Saturdays: Live jazz, 10 pm, FREE; **Sundays:** Live music, noon, FREE; **Thursdays:** Live jazz, 8 pm, FREE; **Fridays:** Live jazz, 10 pm, FREE.

Northsix
66 N. Sixth St. at Wythe Avenue in Williamsburg, (718) 599-5103, www.northsix.com.
Aug. 5: Killing Time, Vision, Uppercut, Maximum Penalty, Dismay, Downhill Fast, Wisdom in Chains, 8 pm, $15; **Aug. 6:** Gospel, Hot Cross, LA Quiete, Phoenix Bodies, Raw Eagle, 7 pm, $10; **Aug. 7:** (Downstairs) The Panic Division, Fat-Less, 9 pm, $8, (Upstairs) New London Fire, Holy Roman Empire, Maps & Atlases, Dog, 9 pm, $10; **Aug. 8:** The Red Krayola, Coyotal, 9 pm, $12; **Aug. 11:** (Downstairs) End of a Year, Mother Night, Red Wizard, Gunners, Goddammit, 8 pm, $7; **Aug. 12:** Heinaken & The Onion present The New Year, Nina Natasia, Kahoots, 9 pm, $12.

The Perch Cafe
365 Fifth Ave. at Fifth Street in Park Slope, (718) 788-2830.
Sundays and **Thursdays:** Live Jazz, 8:30 pm, $5 suggested donation; **Aug. 6:** Michael Petrosino Trio, 8:30 pm (two sets), $5 suggested donation; **Aug. 10:** Brenda Earle Trio, 8:30 pm (two sets), $5 suggested donation; **Aug. 11:** Mariano Gil, 8:30 pm (two sets), $5 suggested donation.

Pete's Candy Store
709 Lorimer St. at Richardson Street in Williamsburg, (718) 302-3770, www.petescandystore.com.
Sundays: Open mic, 5 pm-8 pm, FREE; **Aug. 5:** Jay Mankind, 8 pm, Dave Deporis, 9 pm, Wynn Wolent, 10 pm, FREE; **Aug. 6:** Ana Miura, 8:30 pm, Natasha Alexander, 9:30 pm, Old Scratch Revival Singers, 10:30 pm, FREE; **Aug. 7:** Spelling Bee, 7:30 pm, Titles, 9:30 pm, Heemt, 10:30 pm, FREE; **Aug. 8:** Bingo, 7 pm, Scott Matthew, 9 pm, How to Act, 10 pm, Meowskers, 11 pm, FREE; **Aug. 9:** Quizz-Off, 7:30 pm, Arman Ra, 10 pm, Nomi, 11 pm, FREE; **Aug. 10:** Perfesser Zeke and Cousin Eli, 8 pm, The Silver Lining, 9 pm, American String Conspiracy, 10 pm, Brotherhood of the Jug Band Blues, 11 pm, FREE; **Aug. 11:** Adam Levy's Nice Place to Visit, 6:30 pm, Matos, 9 pm, Chad King, 10 pm, Judith and Holofernes, 11 pm, FREE; **Aug. 12:** The Tall Pines, 9 pm, The Bowmans, 10 pm, FREE.

Prospect Park Band Shell
Prospect Park West and Ninth Street in Prospect Park, (718) 855-7882, www.celebratebrooklyn.org.
Aug. 5: African Festival with Kekele, Lagbaja, Razia, African Underground All-Stars, Martino Atangana & The African Blue Note, 2 pm, $3 suggested donation; **Aug. 7:** Manu Chao with Plastilina Mosh, 7 pm, $25.

Reign
46 Washington Ave. at Flushing Avenue in Clinton Hill, (718) 643-7344.
Saturdays: Sweet Saturdays with Da Union's DJ Snatch 1 "The Fireman" and GMC's own Country, 11 pm, $TBD.

Southpaw
125 Fifth Ave. at St. John's Place in Park Slope, (718) 230-0236, www.spsounds.com.
Aug. 8: Daughter of Adam, Down South, Time TBD, $TBD; **Aug. 9:** The IO's, Me and My Shadow, Exeter Popes, 8 pm, $8; **Aug. 11:** The Drams, Katy Mae, 8 pm, $10.

Sputnik
262 Taaffe Pl. at DeKalb Avenue in Clinton Hill, (718) 398-6666, www.barsputnik.com.
Aug. 6: Comedy with TJ and John Laster, 8 pm, $10 and 2-drink minimum; **Aug. 8:** DJ Schott Free and guests, 9 pm, FREE; **Aug. 9:** Shariel in Burgundy The New Soul Acoustic, 9 pm, FREE; **Aug. 10:** Ladies Night from Planet X, 9 pm, FREE; **Aug. 11:** Vampyre Confidential, 9 pm, FREE; **Aug. 12:** Black Jewel Entertainment and Associates present True Legends Part 3 The Saga Continues with Soul Brotha Pete Rock and DJ Victorious Black representing The GangStarr Foundation, 10 pm, Ladies FREE before midnight, $10 after midnight, Gentlemen $10 before midnight, $15 after midnight.

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Aug. 9: Chris Tordini's Paradox Lake, 9 pm, 10:30 pm, FREE; **Aug. 10:** Minsarah, 9 pm, 10:30 pm, FREE; **Aug. 11:** Organic!, 9 pm, 10:30 pm, FREE.

Trash Bar
256 Grand St. at Driggs Avenue in Williamsburg, (718) 599-1000, www.thetrashbar.com.
Aug. 5: 2nd Annual Empire State AIDS Ride Benefit Show/Staff Infection II ?, Joey Johnson with special surprise guest, 8 pm, Frank Bango, 9 pm, Honor Among Thieves, 10 pm, Willpilot, 11 pm, Owen McCarthy of The Everyothers, Midnight, Juneteenth, 1 am, $8; **Aug. 6:** The Slow Break, 8 pm, House of Fire, 9 pm, School, 10 pm, Harlan, 11 pm, $6; **Aug. 7:** Love the Bomb, 8 pm, Scott Alexander, 9 pm, The Dirge, 10 pm, $6; **Aug. 8:** Monotonix, 8 pm, Fun Ender, 9 pm, Dimestore Scenario, 10 pm, Multiverse, 11 pm, $6; **Aug. 9:** DJ Mojo presents Living Dred, 8 pm, The Pinkmeat, 9 pm, The Cool & Deadly, 10 pm, Camera, 11 pm, Screaming Females, Midnight, $6; **Aug. 10:** I, Like the Voices, 8 pm, Kiltakers, 9 pm, Millefiori, 10 pm, Amorea, 11 pm, Desolate, Midnight, $6; **Aug. 11:** The Yams, 9 pm, The Terpentine Brothers, 10 pm, The Shamps, 11 pm, The Leather Uppers, Midnight, The Aversions, 1 am, $7; **Aug. 12:** Telecom, 10 pm, Ingrid Michaelson, 11 pm, $7, Willpilot & Friends, 1 am, FREE.

Two Boots Brooklyn
514 Second St. at Seventh Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 499-3253, www.twobootsbrooklyn.com.
Aug. 5: Sufferin' Succotash, 10 pm, FREE; **Aug. 12:** Heather & the Barbarians, 10 pm, FREE.

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lyn. Caucasian, Jamaican and Trinidadian men between the ages of 45 to 70 are invited to apply. Receive $50 as a thank you for participating. Call. (718) 780-4336. Ask for code JPL.
BARGEMUSIC: 7:30 pm. See Thurs., Aug 10th.

Sat, Aug 12

OUTDOORS AND TOURS
WALKING TOUR: The Brooklyn Bridge Park Development Corporation hosts a guided walking tour of the East River. Learn about the site's history, current condition and the design of the future park. 10 am. Tours begin at 334 Furman St., north of Atlantic Avenue. Reservations necessary. (212) 803-3826. **Free.**
ALONG THE HIGH LINE: Brooklyn Center for the Urban Environment offers a tour of the route of the High Line, from 23rd Street to Greenwich Village. Learn the history of Chelsea and Garsvoort market, with stops at Frank Gehry's building, the General Theological Seminary. $11, $9 members, $8 students and seniors. 11 am to 1 pm. Meet at the southwest corner of Ninth Avenue and 23rd Street. (718) 788-8500,ext. 208.
BIRD WATCHING CRUISE: Prospect Park Audubon Center hosts a cruise aboard the electric boat Independence. Tour the Lullwater, a scenic habitat for flora and fauna. $10, $6 kids. Binoculars provided. $10, $6 kids. Noon to 12:40 pm. Enter park at Lincoln Road and Ocean Avenue. (718) 287-3400.

PERFORMANCE
DANCE: City Parks Dance presents a performance in Von King Park. 3 pm. Greene Street at Marcy Avenue. www.cityparks-foundation.org. **Free.**
BARGEMUSIC: presents an Enhanced Concert, featuring a program by Silvermann, Schumann and Dvorak. $40. 7:30 pm. Fulton Ferry Landing, Old Fulton Street at the East River. (718) 624-2083.

CHILDREN
NY AQUARIUM: Experience the depths of the ocean in the Aquarium's new Deep Sea 3-D ride. Ride lasts five minutes. A pre-show video about sperm whales and giant squid prepares visitors for the journey into the ocean blue. Riders must be at least 36-inches tall. $6 per ride, or $4 with purchase of admission ticket. Admission to Aquarium is $12 for adults, $8 children, ages 2 to 12, and seniors. West Eighth Street and Surf Avenue. (718) 265-FISH.
PROSPECT PARK CAROUSEL: Take a ride. $1.50 per ride. Noon to 5 pm. Flatbush and Ocean avenues. (718) 282-7789.
PUPPETWORKS: presents a marionette performance of "The Wizard of Oz." $8, $7 children. Recommended for ages 4 and older. 12:30 and 2:30 pm. 338 Sixth Ave. at Fourth Street. (718) 965-3391.

OTHER
FLEA MARKET: at Church of the Holy Spirit. 9 am to 4 pm. 8117 Bay Parkway. (718) 837-0412.
SEMINAR: Brooklyn Arts Council hosts a talk on fragrant application forms. Learn about available funding for organizations. 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm. Brooklyn Public Library's Business branch, 280 Cadman Plaza West. (718) 625-0080. **Free.**
ARTISTS SPEAK: Brooklyn Waterfront Artists Coalition hosts a new show: "Food for...A Feast for The Eyes," in honor of Red Hook's new grocery store, Fairway. Artistic discuss their works from 1 pm to 6 pm. Also, architects speak at 4 pm. 1 pm to 7 pm. 499 Van Brunt St. (718) 596-2506. **Free.**
BAMCINEMATEK: presents "The Leading Men of French Cinema Series." Today: "Wages of Fear" (1953). $10, $7 children and seniors. 3 pm, 6 pm, and 9 pm. 30 Lafayette Ave. (718) 777-FILM. www.bam.org.
MOVIES IN THE PARK: presents "Crookiyn." Valentino Pier. For information, www.redhook-movies.org. **Free.**

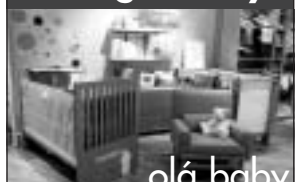
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OUTDOORS AND TOURS
BIRD WATCHING CRUISE: Prospect Park Audubon Center hosts a cruise Noon to 12:40 pm. See Sat., Aug. 12.

PERFORMANCE
OPERA FOR THE STREET: Theater for the New City presents the musical comedy "Tap Dance," an opera for the street. 2 pm. Herbert Von King Park at Marcy and Tompkins avenues. (212) 254-1109. **Free.**
MUSIC AT ST. JACOBI: presents "La Musica dei Virtuosi del Seicento." 4 pm. 5406 Fourth Ave. (718) 439-8978. **Free.**
GOSPEL CONCERT: The Jacob Brothers give a performance. 6 pm. Norwegian Christian Home, 1270 67th St. Free will offering taken. (718) 232-2991.
BARGEMUSIC: 4 pm. See Sat., Aug. 12.

OTHER
BLOOD DRIVE: New York Blood Center hosts a drive at Kings Plaza Shopping Center. Noon to 5:30 pm. 5100 Ave. U. (800) 933-BLOOD.
BAMCINEMATEK: presents "The Leading Men of French Cinema Series." Today: "Purple Moon" (1960). $10, $7 children and seniors. 2 pm, 4:30 pm, 6:50 pm and 9:15 pm. 30 Lafayette Ave. (718) 777-FILM. www.bam.org.
EMERGENCY TRAINING EVENT: hosted by the New York Disaster Interfaith Services and the NYC Office of Emergency Management. Learn how to put together a household disaster plan, a "Go Bag," a household emergency supply kit, and a House of Worship response plan. 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Islamic Society of Bay Ridge, 6807 Fifth Ave. (212) 669-6100. **Free.**
EBAY 101: Basic intro on "How to Sell and Buy on Ebay." Store owners and individuals who would like to start their own business, clean out their garage, or enjoy this as a new hobby are invited. 7 pm. 2265 Ocean Parkway. Call for fee info. (888) 61-LEARN.
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'Righteous Moms' throwing beans

SMART mom
By Louise Crawford

YOU'VE HEARD OF road rage. Now there's Mommy Rage" and there's no shortage of it in Park Slope.

Last week there was the mom who threw a can of beans at the back window of a car because the driver cut her off when she was pushing her toddler across the street.

Such an incident would have gone unnoticed in most neighborhoods — or made it into the Police Blotter — but in Park Slope, where every casual eye is actually a microscope on the minutia of everyday life, the bean-can toss was quickly posted all over the Park Slope Parents Web site:



"I saw one woman struggling across the street with multiple bags of groceries hanging off her kid's stroller; when she got cut off, TWICE, she reached into her grocery bags and hauled out a can of beans, which she threw at the rear window of the second car, cracking it clear across."

And then, the kicker: "Several witnesses clapped and cheered," the posting ended.

Smartmom was disgusted. Sure city traffic can be a pain in the neck. But come on. That guy didn't deserve to have a can of beans thrown at his car. And the fact that bystanders clapped and cheered just proves that Park Slope is one crazy daisy place.

Another kind of "Mommy Rage" was also exhibited this week by Amy Sohn, the former sex columnist for New York magazine, who has switched from writing about on-line porn, girl crushes, and fake orgasms to stories about life with a toddler in our little borough of heaven.

And what a surprise: The shrunken, Grinch-like heart that formed the core of Sohn's life as a single woman has not grown even one size as she has morphed into motherhood.

Sure, most mothers have better things to do than watch "Boobas" videos with their kids or read "We're Going on a Bear Hunt" for the umpteenth time.

Like Sohn, yes, Smartmom found it exceedingly boring to be home with the 1-year-old Oh So Feisty One. Whenever she tried to use her computer, OSFO turned it off (clever girl, that OSFO).

When she tried to read "Everything is Illuminated" (by the greatest author of his generation, Jonathan Safran Foer) or another work of literary fiction alone in her bedroom, tiny OSFO would crawl in and insist on "Chicka Chicka Boom Boom" (which is good, but not Foer-esque).

OSFO wouldn't even let Smartmom go to the bathroom without toddling in and pulling all the toilet paper onto the floor. That's why Smartmom escaped to her writer's group on Tuesday nights, her therapist on Wednesday afternoons and Manifesto Mamas, her radical mommy support group one Thursday a month. Moms need breaks. No crime there.

But that wouldn't do it for Sohn, who has bigger fish to fry than organic tater tots for her little dumpling. There are books, screenplays and columns to write. The woman is so frustrated about having to take time away from her work that she ranted about Park Slope's Stay-at-Home-Moms (SAHM) on her blog (her blog! Clearly, she has time for what's important!):

"Here in my neighborhood, Park Slope, I am constantly encountering insane stay-at-home moms. And I have come to the all-too-un-PC conclusion that stay-at-home motherhood, despite the way our culture lionizes it, is bad for the child and bad for the mom. And bad for society. It's just plain bad."

Sohn goes on to say that most of the SAHMs she knows are really miserable in a "neurotic, soul crippling, Zoloft-inducing, Yellow Wallpaper-type way." (How did Sohn know about Smartmom's wallpaper?)

Why is Amy Sohn so nasty towards motherhood? Just because she (and Smartmom and probably many others) doesn't thrive on SAHM-dom, doesn't mean she should put down all those SAHMs, who are working hard and trying their best.

Smartmom's friend, Mrs. Kravitz, gave up a career as a graphic designer to stay home with two kids. But Mrs. Kravitz, not Amy Sohn, put her finger on the real problem with SAHM-dom: "By staying at home we permit our husbands to perpetuate the long hours that drives so many of us out of professional work in the first place." Maybe Mrs. Kravitz should have a column somewhere.

Sohn's nastiness went further: "SAHMs have no opinions anymore and spend their time talking about poop and pancakes with kale and Veggie Bootie and natural Cheetos versus regular ones."

Smartmom understands the sentiment, but wishes to point out that no one chooses poop over Proust. And she'll offer a piece of advice to the obviously overwhelmed Sohn: Children take up so much time and energy — but only for a while. And if you're going to enjoy the ride, it actually helps to take the kid to sing-a-long at the Tea Lounge or sit with the other mommies at the Third Street Playground talking about poop instead of trying to "have it all" (wasn't that the knock on career women?).

Most shockingly Sohn recommends that college-educated women outsource their childcare:

"Childcare should be the province of immigrant women trying to get a leg up. I do not believe it is 'better for the child' to be with his mother. I believe it is better for the child to have a mother with some modicum of a life — whether it's volunteering, graduate degree, or part-time work."

If you ask Smartmom, that kind of classist, racist, elitist and just downright hostile comment is in the category of throwing a can of beans at a car window. Sohn has jumped into the deep end without a floatie.

So what is Amy Sohn's problem? "Mommy Rage," pure and simple.

Sohn — like the bean-can hurler — is mad as hell because her life isn't the way she wants it to be. The Bean Thrower wants all traffic to stop just because she's pushing a stroller. Sohn wants to have a child and a fabulous career.

As Smartmom (and that Mick guy) always says, you can't always get what you want.

If Amy Sohn doesn't want to give up her "life" and her ambitions for her kid, that's fine. But why take out her aggressions on the mothers who either enjoy staying home or can't afford to go back to work?

Look, Smartmom's not immune to "Mommy Rage." Being a mom does cut into the time Smartmom should be using to find an agent, finish her novel, and make enough money to buy a big house in … Bed Stuy. Sometimes, she screams at her kids and Hepcat. Often she takes it out on herself.

But she never throws cans of beans. That's where she draws the line.

CYCLONES...

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this time with a solo homer.

An inning later, Jason Jacobs doubled to drive in Jon Schemmel, ending the scoring.

Brooklyn starter Jonathan Castillo (4 IP), Jeremy Mizell (2 IP) and Jose De La Torre (1 IP) combined for the shutout.

Cyclones 6
Ironbirds 3
July 31, at Aberdeen

The Clones clean sweep of the Ironbirds in their home cage put the team in sole possession of second place — and extended the win streak to eight.

In all, the Cyclones knocked out 14 hits. Dustin Martin went 3-4, with a triple, double and single (the minicycle), Joe Holden hit his fourth homer of the year, and Tim Grogan added an RBI.

Starter Eric Brown (3-0, 1.69 ERA) was sharp again, tossing 8 innings. Only one of the three runs he gave up was earned. He walked one batter, and struck out eight. Jose De La Torre got his third save with a nifty ninth.

Cyclones 9
Tigers 1
Aug. 1, at Oneonta

Another 14-hit barrage powered the Cyclones to a tie for first place and a nine-game winning streak.

Hot-hitting outfielder Mark Wright added three more hits, while Dustin Martin (.313 batting average), Joe Holden, Tim Grogan and Luis Rivera (.286) added two hits each.

Starter Tobi Stoner (4-1, 2.89 ERA) was very sharp, tossing six shutout innings. Josh Appell shut the door on the Tigers with a scoreless eighth and ninth.

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Nick Pauly's Cyclone Spin

A mid-year report card

AFTER LOSING THE FIRST SEVEN games to start the 2006 season, the Cyclones recovered to close out the first half with a record of 22-17. Manager George Greer receives an A for that accomplishment, given the less-than-astounding talent he's had to work with.

But unlike an ornery teacher, Greer can't just say "Class dismissed!" to the 2006 Cyclones, so we decided to do the next best thing: give 'em all grades for their first 39 games. Here goes:

Infielders

1B: Tim Grogan: *C+*
Grogan has been a consistent hitter for Brooklyn this year — consistently around .240.

2B: Jonathan "Country Boy" Schemmel: *B*
After being bumped down from Hagerstown in late June, Schemmel, who earned his nickname because of the song that's played whenever he comes to bat, has surfaced in the two-hole, averaging just one strikeout every 11.2 at bats. Now that's bat control! Thank God he's a country boy.

SS: Luis Rivera: *B*
In limited at-bats, Rivera has provided contact from the bottom of the order to go along with impressive defense.

3B: Ivan Naccarata: *B+*
The hot corner has been shared by four different players, but Naccarata seems to have won the job, thanks to his .333 batting average.

C: Jason Jacobs: *B+*
The Cyclones backstop has batted a measly .232 this year, but coincidence or not, the opposition has averaged roughly 2.5 runs per game when Jacobs is behind the dish and 4.5 runs per game against when he's riding the pine.

Outfielders

LF: Dustin Martin: *A*
The 22-year-old has been on an absolute tear over the last two weeks. His average is up to .302 to go along with some great defense, good looks and a suave sense of humor.

CF: Joe Holden: *B-*
His on-base percentage is abysmal, but he leads the team in both home runs and strikeouts out of the leadoff spot. Maybe he's trying to take after Washington Nationals leadoff hitter Alfonso Soriano, who leads his team in both categories as well.

RF: Jonathan Sanchez: *D+*
Sanchez has the tools, but his long swing and his swagger make him prone to more than the occasional miscue. His .203 average is lowest among current regulars. The good news: he's only 20.

Starting Pitchers

Eric Brown: *A*
Brown was drafted in the 18th round last year, but so far, the big 22-year-old has gone 2-0 with a 1.93 ERA in his first three starts.

Nelson Portillo: *A-*
Portillo might be the club's best starting pitcher this year. After making two starts for Hagerstown, he has walked only nine batters in 43 innings and has pitched to a 2.51 ERA. He was just named the New York-Penn League Pitcher of the Week, thanks to his 2-0, 0.75 ERA in his last two starts.

Jorge Reyes: *C-*
Reyes has a live arm and tremendous stuff, but he's yet to harness it in Brooklyn. He tends to pitch effectively for the first few innings but tires too early. The lanky right-hander — who sat out a 50-day steroid suspension last year — has a 1-4 record with a 5.63 ERA.

Jake Ruckle: *A-*
The scouts must have overlooked this guy. Selected as the Mets 41st pick in 2004, Ruckle, 20, has been almost unhittable, with a 3-1 record and 2.78 ERA. He has notched 26 strikeouts while giving up just 5 walks.

Tobi Stoner: *B+*
Pitch efficiency has been an occasional problem for Stoner, who has averaged fewer than six innings per start, but his 3-1 record and 4.1 strikeout-to-walk ratio are as attention-grabbing as his name.

Bullpen

Josh Appell: *C-*
As intriguing as it is to give the New York native an A for effort, Appell has yielded eight earned runs in just 10 1/3 innings.

Jonathan Castillo: *B*
A splendid outing followed by a rocky outing was the rule for Castillo, who most recently pitched four scoreless innings against the Ironbirds in his first start of the year.

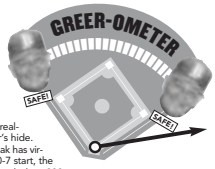
Grady Hinchman: *B+*
Grady is getting a little long in the tooth for Single-A ball, but the 24-year-old southpaw has put together a very respectable season as one of Brooklyn's middle relievers. Hinchman has won all three decisions.

Jeremy Mizell: *A+*
There's nothing bad you can say about this Southeastern Louisiana graduate. After all, he's yet to give up an earned run in pro ball! In 17 innings, he's struck out 11.

Joe Smith: *A+*
This closer is the real deal. After lowering his arm angle at Wright State and developing a "stone cold stare," Smith has been dominating baseball ever since. The closer struggled in his first outing of the year, but since then, he's saved nine games with a 0.45 ERA. But kiss him goodbye: He just got called up to AA Binghamton.

Rip Warren: *A-*
It took a while for the lefty to get regular work out of the pen, but he has made the most of it, yielding just 11 hits and three walks in 15 innings this year.

The Greer report



It's amazing how a nine-game winning streak — and a tie for first — can really save a manager's hide. The Cyclones' streak has virtually erased the 0-7 start, the steroid scandal and the .233 team batting average that had fans calling for skipper George Greer to be sacked (which almost never happens in the minor leagues). Consulting The Brooklyn Papers' exclusive "Greer-ometer," the veteran manager's job is now off-the-charts safe!

BROOKLYN CYCLONES COVERAGE

Clones chicken doesn't choke

'Clucky' brings luck as Brooks charge into first place


The Brooklyn Papers / Gary Thomas

The Brooklyn Papers

Call it "Cluck Luck."

Forget batting practice and fundamentals; all it took to rouse the Cyclones bats on their last road trip was the emergence of the rally chicken.

"I was walking around the mall," said hitting coach Scott Hunter, "and I saw a rubber chicken for sale at Spencer's, so I figured we'd have a little fun with it."

Hunter brought the novelty noisemaker to the Cyclone dugout and, imitating the bird, told players, "If you need some luck, make me cluck."

By the end of the road trip — which included two sweeps — the players had adopted "Clucky" (at left with pitcher Nelson Portillo), who was installed in a place of honor in the clubhouse ceiling, where he could be easily squeezed for good luck.

Soon enough, the bird was assigned uniform number 00 and was given its own locker, which was decorated with baseball equipment, photos of models and other quirky gifts.

And the winning continued.

After a sweep of the Mahoning Valley Scrappers, the Clones took on the hated cross-Narrows rival Staten Island Yankees, taking a home-and-home series that began on Staten Island July 28. There, the Brooks defeated the Yanks 10-6 before heading home to Keyspan Park where Clucky again worked her (his? Its?) magic.

Down 4-3 with two-outs and the bases clear in the bottom of the ninth, a distinctive "cluck" could be heard from the Cyclones dugout as Mark Wright worked out a walk. A few moments later, the crowd — and, ostensibly, the chicken — went ballistic as Tim Grogan lined a double to left-center field to tie the score.

One inning, a double and two walks later, Clucky could be seen celebrating atop a pile a Cyclones after Dan Cummins lined a walk-off single to end the game (inset).

Hunter said the chicken harked back to his days in the Triple-A, where one of his teammates kept a rubber chicken in the clubhouse to keep things loose.

Cyclone reliever Grady Hinchman said Hunter is "big on that [chicken]," adding, "They've got an emotional connection or something."

He may not be the only one, however: In the first 10 games following the chicken's debut, the Cyclones went 9-1.

— Nick Pauly and Vince DiMiceli

Since mascot "Clucky" (with Cyclones pitcher Nelson Portillo) has joined the team, the Cyclones have streaked into first place, highlighted by a 10th-inning victory over the hated Yankees (inset).

Attendance record shattered


The Brooklyn Papers / Gary Thomas

No, they're not celebrating the Cyclones' record crowd Saturday night, but Joe Holden scoring the winning run in the 10th inning of that game against the Yankees.

The Brooklyn Papers

The weather is hot, but the Cyclones are hotter, if ticket sales are any indication.

Despite a record that flirts with .500 like a cheerleader flirts with a power-hitter, the Clones broke their all-time single-game attendance record by packing in 9,307 fans — four more than the previous mark, set on opening day 2005 — for last Saturday's game against their cross-bay rivals, the Staten Island Yankees.

And all that root, root, rooting for the home team paid off: The Cyclones won 5-4.

The over-capacity crowd — which also broke a New York-Penn League record — was made possible through the sale of 475 last-minute, standing-room tickets.

— Gersh Kuntzman

Who's a Bum!

Mark Wright

Mark Wright earned The Brooklyn Papers' coveted "Who's a Bum!" award for his stunning turnaround during the week of July 26 to August 1.

After hitting under the Mendoza Line and rotting on the bench for much of the season, Wright found himself in the lineup as the designated hitter — and he gave the scouts something to talk about. His numbers for the week: 11 for 23, including one homer, six runs scored and three RBIs.

Starting pitchers Eric Brown and Tobi Stoner received honorable mention. ***— Pauly***

Brooks back — and better than ever!

By Gersh Kuntzman and Nick Pauly
The Brooklyn Papers


The Brooklyn Papers / Gary Thomas

Luis Rivera guns down a Yankee during the second inning on July 28.

Cyclones 4
Scrappers 0
July 27, at Keyspan Park (Seven innings)

Who hates rain? This time, a downpour helped seal a Clone win — and a sweep of visiting Mahoning Valley.

Starter Tobi Stoner threw 6 1/3 shutout innings, allowing just three hits and striking out seven.

The Cyclones scored all their runs in the fourth, thanks to doubles by Jeremy Hambrice and Jon Schemmel, plus a single by Mark Wright.

The game was called during a deluge in the seventh.

Cyclones 10
Yankees 6
July 28, at Staten Island

The Cyclones got on the board early — and often — against their cross-harbor rivals. Joe Holden doubled in the first and later scored on an error. Jonathan Schemmel, who'd gotten on thanks to that error, also later scored on a groundout. They added two more in the fourth on doubles by Mark Wright and Luis Rivera.

After failing behind, the Cyclones regained the lead for good in the sixth, when Jonathan Sanchez, Wright and Tim Grogan hit consecutive singles. After scoring another run on a groundout, Dustin Martin knocked in Rivera. Another single by Ivan Naccarata made it an even four runs in the frame.

The Clones added insurance runs in the eighth on three singles by Grogan, Rivera and Holden followed by groundouts.

The game featured a rare bad outing by Jake Ruckle. Reliever Rip Warren got the win, his first.

Cyclones 5
Yankees 4
July 29, at Keyspan Park (10)

The Cyclones set an all-time attendence record, as 9,307 were on hand to see the home team beat its rivals again. And what a game they saw.

The Cyclones jumped out early 3-0, but starter Duane Privett failed to hold the lead in his Cyclones debut.

Trailing 4-3 with two outs and the bases clear in the bottom of the ninth, Mark Wright walked and Tim Grogan lined a double off the left center field wall to tie the score.

Joe Holden doubled to lead off the 10th, and after a sac bunt and two intentional walks, Dan Cummins lined a walk-off single up the middle.

Grady Hinchman (3-0) got the win in relief, as the Brooks improved to three games over .500 for the first time this year.

Cyclones 3
Ironbirds 0
July 30, at Aberdeen (Game 1)

Cyclones 3
Ironbirds 0
July 30, at Aberdeen (Game 2)

The Cyclones moved into a tie for second place (imagine that!) with a doubleheader sweep that made it seven wins in a row.

In Game 1, Dustin Martin provided all the runs the Clones would need, hitting a three-run dinger in the third. Cyclone starter Nelson Portillo got his third win by tossing six shutout innings with four strikeouts. Closer Joe Smith shut the door on the Ironbirds for his ninth save.

In the nightcap, the Cyclones again defeated Aberdeen 3-0, but in a different fashion. Mark Wright knocked in Jason Jacobs in the second, and in the fourth, the hot outfielder struck again,

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34	67	The Christian Family	Hour of Deliverance	Bible Faith Telecast	Mind, Body & Soul Connection	La Verdades Para Libres	Madmen' Temple Moments	Moments of Grace	We Speak to Nations	Triumphant Church of Jesus	Expressions of Faith	Burning Bush Ministries	Agape Speaks	Community Events	Christian Fellowship Show	Walking in the Spirit	The Prophetic Word	The Universe of Yahweh	Voice of Bethel	Faith Will Light The Way	Soul Seekers for Christ	Overcoming Through Holiness	Bread for Living	Bethany Hour	Deeper Life Broadcast	The Word	First Baptist Church	Voice of Truth	Preposing The Way for the Coming King	Body and Soul Spiritual Revival	Midnight Gospel Hour	Fountain Chula Eun Center	Special	Community Calendar
35	68	Strong Tower Faith Temple	Ever Increasing Gospel	Something Different	Crossroads	Islam	To Bless God's People	Voice of Deliverance	Jesus is Lord	Gideon Flavor	Sunday School TV	Life in Its Poetic Form	Eckankar Presents	Rock of Holiness	The Word of Salvation	Spirit Anointing the Word	Maitreya	Nehemiah Christian Outreach	Manna Church	Word of Hope	Faith Now	Pentecost of Fire	Tomorrow's Word	Le Chemin du Salut	Tradition Lakaille	Tehillah	Inspirational Vybes	Full Effect	Full Faith Ministries	The Gospel Showcase	This is Your Bible	Perfect Peace Ministries	Special	Community Calendar
56	69	Show Your Glory	Emmanuel God with Us	Beyond Today	Mind, Body & Soul Connection	Mas Que Vencedores	Kingdom Life Christian Center	Calvary Prayer & Worship Center	Celebrate Jesus	Todos es Posible para Dios	La Voz de L'Eglise du Christ	Can We Talk	Drake Tabernacle	Prayer & Praise	Understanding the Spirit You Are	Progressive Pentecostalism	Christian Issues	Greater Holy Tabernacle	Triumphantly Yours	Hurting Hearts	Jah Gospel	Pleasant Grove Tabernacle	How to Study the Bible	Heure de L' Alliance	Occupy Until He Comes	Lion of Judah & the Lamb	Vision of Truth Outreach	Special	Grace & Truth Ministries	Gospel On The Move	Special	He That Hath an Ear	Special	Community Calendar
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34	67	Special	Social Networking	Senior Care & Lifestyles	Girl Talk	High Heels Show	Greenlight	Haiti Diaspo Magazine	Success Bound	Koneans se Riches	R's All About You	Mexico.com	Mexico en la Piel	Special	Thinking Minds	Community Calendar		Black Arts & Culture USA	Undercover TV	Special	Time Vertical	The Inner Beat	Galerie Des Arts	Caribbean Body Talk	Ritmo Tropical	Caribbean Classroom	Straight Up!	What's the 411	Soca Tempo	GX TV	Community Talk	Channel Zero	Special	Community Calendar
35	68	Race & Reason	Special	Special	Special	Urban Threshold	New Age Television	Special	Special	Special	Panama Canal Commission	El Pensamiento Positivo	Caribbean Billboard	Exterciis Figueroa	Musica de todos los Tiempos	Community Calendar		Gente Y Cultura	La Nueva Ola	La Comunidad Y Su Cultura	El Taino Show	Tu Y Yo	El Show de William Guzman	Diamante	Salsa En La Calle Live	TV Exclusivo	Voice of Kham	Snackonart	Handfire	Special	The Gary Null Show	Mid Ciphas	The Adventures of Electra Elf	Community Calendar
56	69	Democracy Now! with Amy Goodman		Special	Special	Education and Perspectives		Health Center	Neighborhood Beat: Bay Ridge	BCAT Reporter Roundtable	BCAT Sports Talk	Local Perspectives	Brooklyn 45 with Sam Taitt	Special	Special	Community Calendar		Classic Arts Showcase		Manhattan Neighborhood Network		Education and Perspectives		Health Center	Neighborhood Beat: Bay Ridge	BCAT's Brooklyn Review	BCAT SportsTalk	Local Perspectives	Brooklyn 45 with Sam Taitt	The Spew	Brooklyn vs. Bush	Classic Arts Showcase		Community Calendar
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34	67	Special	Wodgitt	The Beverly Copeland Report	Community Health Update	John Baxter	Special	The Barry Z. Show	Special	Ardzegang	Youth and Family Empowerment	Special	Jason Eames Show	Jazzy Jazz Festival	Jim Duckworth and Friends	Community Calendar		Ancestor House	Afrikan Scholar Warrior	The Beverly Copeland Report	Ghetto Chronicles	John Baxter	Sam Sloan Show	The Barry Z. Show	1001 Ways to Cope with Stress	Antzagang	Youth & Family Empowerment	Special	Jason Eames Show	Jazzy Jazz Festival	Jim Duckworth and Friends	Preston Lopez Show	Camera Man Presents	Community Calendar
35	68	Italian Americans Mia Vita Gratis	The Una del Tinto Show	Sahaja Yoga	Cram It	Special	Words of Peace	First Alternative	The Rock	Special	Thelndergroup	Special	R.S.	Welcome Aboard	Special	Community Calendar		Italian Americans Mia Vita Gratis	The Una del Tinto Show	Sahaja Yoga	Cram It	Le Journal Sportif	Haiti Kreyol/ Haiti Seneo	Flist Alternative	Self Awareness Who's Truth	Vedia Lynette Presents	T.A.K. Music	Welcome Aboard	Special	Welcome Aboard	Rod's Interesting Topic of the Week	Duquenda Husbands	Clib'zax	Community Calendar
56	69	Democracy Now! with Amy Goodman		Region 6	Special	That's Brooklyn	BC Presents	Kingsborough Focus	Neighborhood Beat: Williamsburg/Greenpoint	BCAT's Brooklyn Elected Officials	BCAT Reporter Roundtable	Special	BRIC+Studio Presents	BCAT Presents	BCAT's Brooklyn Review	Community Calendar		Classic Arts Showcase		Region 6	Special	That's Brooklyn	BC Presents	Kingsborough Focus	Neighborhood: Williamsburg/Greenpoint	BCAT SportsTalk	BCAT Reporter Roundtable	A Date at the Library		BCAT Presents	BCAT's Brooklyn Review	Classic Arts Showcase		Community Calendar
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34	67	Special	Special	The Phyllis Taliaferro Show	Special	OTV	Special	Special	African Music Unlimited	TeleKreyol Plus	C.A.C.E. International	Special	People's Advocacy Group	Paper Tiger Television	Beulah Land	Community Calendar		Soundbooth	Special	The Phyllis Taliaferro Show	Producer Profile	OTV	Jahi's Caribbean Showcase	Touslokal	African Music Unlimited	TeleKreyol Plus	C.A.C.E. International	L'Encontatrs	People's Advocacy Group	Paper Tiger Television	Beulah Land	Godbesses	POX TV	Community Calendar
35	68	A Cable of Jewish Life	The Jewish Entertainment Hour	Judaism	Disabled Hotline	The Rising Stars	A Mood Awakening	Imani's Corner	Israel Update	The Last Hour	Special	On the Money with NSDFA	Greenvision	Special	Special	Community Calendar		A Cable of Jewish Life	The Jewish Entertainment Hour	Judaism	Disabled Hotline	The Rising Stars	Special	Imani's Corner	Israel Update	The Last Hour	Reach Out	On the Money with NSDFA	Greenvision	Abu A.Q. the Show	The Ram Gmore Revolution	Damented Minds	Pretty Things	Community Calendar
56	69	Democracy Now! with Amy Goodman		Special	Special	Everything Brooklyn		CMS & You	Neighborhood Beat: BoCoCa	BCAT Presents	BCAT SportsTalk	BCAT's Brooklyn Elected Officials	Congressman Ed Towns Presents	Assembly Update	More With Assembly Update	Community Calendar		Classic Arts Showcase		Special	Special	Everything Brooklyn		CMS & You	Neighborhood Beat: BoCoCa	BCAT Presents	BCAT SportsTalk	BCAT's Brooklyn Elected Officials	Congressman Ed Towns Presents	Assembly Update	More With Assembly Update	Classic Arts Showcase	Classic Arts Showcase	Community Calendar
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34	67	Special	Special	Shocking & Awful	Lawline	Special	Voice of Haiti	Special	Tele Nago	Haiti Culture	Special	Xin Tang Ren	Qing Liu	Colorful World	Science & Health	Community Calendar		African Media	The Frankie Show	American Family Association	Lawline	The Torch	B.P.X. Talk Show	NYC Underground	Tele Nago	Haiti Culture	Fahn Gong	Xin Tang Ren	Qing Liu	NTDTV	Video Explosion	Tripwave	FDTV: The Series	Community Calendar
35	68	Special	Special	Jobs TV	Rent Wars News	Black Men Screaming		Adopting Teens & Tweens	Community	Special	Discovering Yourself	Evrnyty Peopls, Evryday Voices	The Bernice Brooks Show	Now Playwrights	Cultural Caravan	Community Calendar		Special	Special	Special	Rent Wars News	Black Men Screaming		Adopting Teens & Tweens	Community	Light of Kabbalah	Discovering Yourself	Everyday Peopls, Everyday Voices	Bernice Brooks Show	Bel Vision	Head Hitz Video	Get Hood TV	Community Calendar
56	69	Democracy Now! with Amy Goodman		Special	Tvnait Tramil News Magazine	Brooklyn Bred	Special	Special	Neighborhood Beat: Brooklyn by the Sea	BCAT's Brooklyn Elected Officials	BCAT's Brooklyn Review	BCAT's Reporter Roundtable	Legist. Report w/ Sen. Marty Golden	Report From The State Senate	Inside Congress	Community Calendar		Classic Arts Showcase			Tvnait Tramil News Magazine	Brooklyn Bred	Special	Special	Neighborhood Beat: Brooklyn by the Sea	BCAT's Brooklyn Elected Officials	BCAT's Brooklyn Review	BCAT's Reporter Roundtable	Legislative Report with Sen. Golden	Report From The State Senate	Inside Congress	Classic Arts Showcase		Community Calendar
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34	67	Special	Special	Yakety Yak with Josh!	Special	Special	H2OTV	Special	Special	Spirit	Next Level	Special	Let's Get Started Home Improvement Show	Education	Animals Who Need Homes Now	Community Calendar		The Cell	Coup D'Oeil	Macaya Ecsn	Special	Companion Animal Network	NYC Home & Rider	Globetotter Jim Huggins	Alexandra's Psychic Eye	Dolla Peppo Village	Hey Hammonica Man	Special	Bike TV	Chris Music Concepts	Whatz Up TV	Trench Time	Urban Valeti	See Extended Listing Below
35	68	Special	Special	Special	A Chat with Glendora	Style Masters TV	Special	Special	Telemix	Basement TV	Special	Starlight Broadcast from Harlem/BJA	Special	Product of Society	Unsigned Artists	Community Calendar		Bucktown USA TV	A&B Video Shows	Hip Hop Secrets TV	37 Deep TV	Special	Special	Special	Special	Special	Special	Special	B-S Plus	Blaster Vision	Labroz James Show	Entertainment Vibes	Concrete TV	See Extended Listing Below
56	69	Democracy Now! with Amy Goodman		Classic Arts Showcase					Neighborhood Beat: Williamsburg/Greenpoint	BCAT's Brooklyn Elected Officials	BCAT's Brooklyn Review	Arts Insight	Inside the Park Slope Food Coop	Neighborhoods Today	Special	Community Calendar		Classic Arts Showcase		BronxNet		Special	Special	Special	Neighborhood Beat: Williamsburg/Greenpoint	Special	Successful Touring Practices in Action	Arts Insight	Inside the Park Slope Food Coop	Neighborhoods Today	Special	Freddy's Brooklyn Roadhouse	2520 TV	See Extended Listing Below
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35	68	Future Starz	Nasty Video	Mask Affair Dark	Special	Mindwipe	BCAT Community Calendar	Community Calendar
56	69	Unda Dog	Street Fire	Crazy Al Cayne Show	Duchess Connection	Midnite Get Rite	Special Community Calendar	Community Calendar
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34	67	Special	Special	Smart Kids	Special	Access Kids Power	Myself and Others	Ghoul A Go-Go	Flix	Special	L.Y.F.E. S.U.K.	Search Alien	Kaglo22	Tots & Teens	Alternative Medicine	Albanian Culture	Dee's Crib	Love of the Craft	American Actors	Caribbean Images	El Show De Max	Dominican Community	Risonsita Dominicana En Nueva York	Sabor Mexicano	Adelitas Mexicanas	Dialogando y Cantando	Latin Reggae	Fresyo TV	Special	Hit Record Nightlife Video	Dancehall NYC	Dance Hall World	The Thandeme Show	Community Calendar
35	68	Grades Wing Chun	Special	Visitation Hawks		Camp Friendship Basketball	Special	Jackboxer Show	Wedding Memories	Love Around the World	Perls for Pedestrians	Special	Hip Hop Gardens	M/S Video Po	Evvy: Cultural Interchange	Lucy's Hair	Styz TV	Special	Keeping It Real with Shannon	Rebuboth for You	Caribbean Vibe	Ina Dillon Show	CTV: Caribbean Television	The Safia Selvwright Show	Inside the Caribbean	Island Session	Soca TV	World Dance 2	Latin Jazz Alive & Kickin'	Tropical Reflection	Whatz Going On	IFTV	Soundwave TV	Community Calendar
56	69	Spirit	Politics as Usual	Creating Black Wealth	Special	NCP Sports Talk	On the Mat	The Supreme Master Ching Hai	Brooklyn Cyclones Dugout Show	Special	Be Good To You	Specialized Fitness	Jennifer Show	Falun Dafa Around the World	Baj-aerobics	Dr. C's Raw Healing Gospel	Cooking & More with Esther	Too Sweet Video	Talk of New York	Special	Successful Touring Practices in Action	Special	Get Connected	Special	Special	BCAT Reporter Roundtable	Messages with Lion	Calane Creole	Thirty & Over	Gilla & Barry Show	ZYNC TV	Gotham Rockstar	WTF Night Experience	Community Calendar
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Atlantic Antic takes Ratner cash

By Dana Rubinstein
The Brooklyn Papers

Atlantic Avenue merchants are blasting organizers of the annual Atlantic Antic for accepting developer Bruce Ratner's sponsorship, especially after the state acknowledged the significant negative impacts that Ratner's proposed Atlantic Yards would have on the avenue.

Ratner donated $20,000 to the Atlantic Avenue Local Development Corporation for the 32-year-old street fair — up from $5,000 last year.

Local merchants don't blame Ratner for angling to win community support, but they do blame the LDC for playing into his hands.

"I think 95 percent of [Atlantic Avenue] is against the project," said Charlie Sahadi, owner of the Middle Eastern food store that bears his name, who has been involved with all 31 prior Atlantic Antics.

"The perception is that we're accepting their money, so we're accepting their concept," Sahadi added.

He's not the only merchant upset.

"I'm not participating in the Antic" because of the contribution, said Rachel Leibowicz, owner of Circa Antiques.

This is not the first time that Ratner has raised hackles by spreading his money around. He sponsored a school auction at PS 321 that caused some parents to boycott that event.

Ratner's support of the Atlantic Antic might not have made any great waves were it not for this irony: the state's recently released draft environmental impact statement confirms that his proposed 16-skyscraper, arena, hotel and office space complex will not only aggravate the notorious traffic on Atlantic Avenue, but the only way to help fix it would be to add an hour of "No Parking" at meters along the shopping strip.

Merchants oppose that extra hour because it would make it tougher for their would-be customers to park.

"The mitigations are outrageous," said Sandy Balboza, president of the Atlantic Avenue Betterment Association. "So that this project should happen, we should all suffer?"

LDC members fired back.

"Forest City Ratner is a longtime supporter of the Antic and their sponsorship of the event does not constitute an endorsement by the LDC of the Atlantic Yards project," said Ian Kelley, president of the LDC board.

A spokeswoman for the LDC went one step further, insinuating that the LDC would come out against the project in the near future.

"The LDC will be one of the groups testifying in the upcoming hearings on the Atlantic Yards, and I think folks will see at that point that the LDC thinks for itself, independent of any outside sponsors," said Michelle Karshan.

ATLANTIC YARDS COUNTDOWN

18 DAYS UNTIL AUG. 23 PUBLIC HEARING

48 DAYS REMAINING FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

(As of Saturday, Aug. 5)

The Empire State Development Corporation invited Brooklynites to comment on the agency's draft environmental impact statement for Bruce Ratner's Atlantic Yards project by sending letters to ESDC's Maria Mooney, 633 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10017 or e-mailing the agency at atlanticyards@empire.state.ny.us.

We've asked our readers to send copies of their testimony to newsroom@brooklynpapers.com. Here's one response:

Dear Ms. Mooney,

As an urban planner and Brooklyn resident who loves New York City and wants to see it grow and prosper, I am writing to express my strong opposition to the Atlantic Yards Project.

I am delighted by the prospect of more housing, especially affordable housing, in the borough. However, the massive scale of the Atlantic Yards project threatens to permanently disfigure Downtown Brooklyn.

While Charles Gargano may think of New York as a "city of skyscrapers," most New Yorkers, even most Manhattanites, don't live in skyscrapers. Few of New York's celebrated residential neighborhoods contain residential buildings of the size proposed for Atlantic Yards. And all of them do a better job of stepping down to the lower-density residential areas that surround them. If the only way this project can be made economically viable is by building it on a scale that irrevocably alters the character of the surrounding communities, then it should not be built at all.

While the scale of the residential buildings is troubling, it is not half as unsettling as the proposed stadium. Atlantic Yards boosters claim that the Nets stadium will be a major source of economic development. However, the current consensus among urban planners and economists alike is that stadiums are never the growth and revenue generators that boosters purport.

More often than not, they lose money. According to the Wall Street Journal, "[A]renas put a drag on the local economy by hurting spending on other activities in the city and boosting municipal costs such as security."

Living in New York goes hand in hand with experiencing change; most New Yorkers recognize that. But there is a difference between the organic, building-by-building change that occurs as the real estate market ebbs and flows, and the type of wholesale change represented by the Atlantic Yards proposal. Its immense scale is wrong; its design is incongruous with the rest of the borough; and the support it has received from politicians — despite popular opposition — makes the whole thing stink of a boondoggle.

Publicly subsidized towers-in-the park and a money-pit stadium are the last thing Brooklyn and New York City need. Brooklynites need affordable housing and we need jobs, but we do not need to sacrifice our economic stability or the urban environment we love to get them.

Brooklyn deserves something better than Atlantic Yards.

— Jonathan Lachance, Brooklyn Heights

BROOKLYN BRIEFS

'Park' plan has its day in court

The Brooklyn Papers

A lawyer for the state-run Brooklyn Bridge Park Development Corporation openly mocked a community lawsuit against the proposed waterfront development as "skullduggery" at a pre-trial hearing on Wednesday.

"This is a strange case from any vantage point," said the BBDC lawyer, David Paget, at a hearing in state Supreme Court to determine if the Brooklyn Bridge Defense Park Fund lawsuit against the development agency can move forward.

The Defense Fund is suing city and state planners for breaking the law by putting private condos in a public park.

In an 80-minute oral argument, Paget and his City Hall counterpart Carrie Noteboom argued that no laws were broken — and that the Defense Fund should take its case to policymakers not a judge.

"All of the questions raised here are policy questions and design issues," Noteboom said.

Unlike Paget, she did not use the term "skullduggery" — which means "unscrupulous behavior" — though she did call the suit "political" and "manufactured."

She and Paget also shrugged off the plaintiff's larger issue, namely that the state violated Public Trust Law when it threw out an old plan for the publicly owned waterfront land that had been created by a coalition of community groups.

"The city recognizes the plan that grew out of that 30-year movement, but that doesn't mean that the city is committed to … that plan," she said.

That argument most incensed Defense Fund supporters at the hearing.

"They have finally come and said that the neighborhood planning process has nothing to do with what's really going on," said Heloise Gruneberg. "The bottom line is that they don't listen to the community and now they can [make that a legal argument] in court."

Justice Lawrence Knipel has not said when he will issue a decision on the case.

— Ariella Cohen



Then and now on 'Murder Avenue'

The Brooklyn Papers

Business owners on Fort Greene's once-notorious "Murder Avenue" are now more concerned about historic preservation than self-preservation.

Last week, Myrtle Avenue leaders celebrated the restoration of the facade on the White Elephant Gallery, an antique shop between Classon Avenue and Emerson Street. Seven more facade restorations are in the works for the once-beleaguered commercial strip — funded by grants from the state's New York Main Street program and the Myrtle Avenue Revitalization Project.

— Dana Rubinstein

Marty for Mayor? The plot thickens

The Brooklyn Papers

Borough President Markowitz is running — and like the New York City Marathon, it looks like his next race will involve all five boroughs.

Speculation that Markowitz is running for mayor intensified this week with the revelation that his campaign committee has changed its name from "Marty/Brooklyn" to "Marty/New York."

The inveterate Brooklyn booster — who is prevented by term limits from running again for borough president — notified the Campaign Finance Board last week that he intends to be a candidate when his tenure as Brooklyn beep ends in 2009.

But for what race? Markowitz registered as "undeclared."

The Brooklyn Papers did a little digging and discovered that Markowitz was no longer collecting money in "Markowitz/Brooklyn" and another account, "Marty in Brooklyn," but had expanded his horizons with the broader campaign name, "Marty/New York," a spokeswoman for the Campaign Finance Board said.

That suggests he's running either for mayor or public advocate, insiders said.

"There's no way he's running for comptroller, after all!" chortled one Democratic source. "That's the only other citywide option."

Markowitz has long let it be known that he'd love to be mayor — but politicos say that the office of public advocate would be his fallback race if he starts to shiver after sticking a big toe in the mayoral waters.

That toe may well take a dip, though. Despite just $90,000 on hand in the Marty/New York bank account, Markowitz has $553,504 left over from his 2005 borough president re-election campaign.

That puts Markowitz in a good position, money-wise, against virtually everyone except Comptroller Bill Thompson, who is also officially "undeclared" for 2009.

Thompson's 2009 account has $442,364 — but he has a 2005 war chest of $1.7 million.

A Markowitz spokesman said the creation of the "Marty/New York" account was "totally normal when you're exploring your options."

But spokesman Eric Demby quickly added, "The name is not significant in any way I'm aware of."

He also said that the money in the "Marty/Brooklyn" account "will remain there until there is a decision" about what office Markowitz will seek.

"Or will not seek," Demby hastened to add.`

— Gersh Kuntzman

VOX POP

As The Brooklyn Papers reported last week, Borough President Markowitz is considering a run for mayor. The question: "Should Markowitz run for mayor?"



No. What credentials does he have to make a good mayor? What has he done for the city?"

—Jim [last name withheld], Long Island



He's a nice man. He's for the people. I've seen him lots of places. Wherever the politicians go to, he's usually there. I need to talk to him about some stuff. Personal stuff. Like jobs in the community.

— Denise Robinson, Midwood



He's awesome he should be [mayor]. We need a mayor with a personality.

— Colin McKinnon, Clinton Hill



Yes. He's such a man of the people. He went to a restaurant in every neighborhood. It must have taken him a week, but he went and promoted these obscure places.

— Kate Myers, Clinton Hill



I'm not even quite sure who Marty Markowitz is.

— Desmond Lewin East New York

Interviews and Photos by Sara Vogel



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Judy Stewart shows off her home on East 25th Street between Clarendon Road and Avenue D in Flatbush, which was just named the "Greenest Block" in the borough by the Brooklyn Botanic Garden.

Spitzer: Let's weigh Yards pros, cons

By Gersh Kuntzman
The Brooklyn Papers

Gubernatorial front-runner Eliot Spitzer — who said last year that Bruce Ratner's Atlantic Yards mega-development should be built "immediately" — is now calling for a delay to allow the public to more fully weigh the project's significant environmental impacts.

In a letter sent last week to Empire State Development Corporation Chairman Charles Gargano, candidate Eliot Spitzer — as opposed to Attorney General Eliot Spitzer — asked ESDC to postpone its Aug. 23 public hearing for at least one month to allow vacationing Brooklynites and their in-recess Community Boards to have enough time to digest the state's just-issued draft environmental impact statement.

The DEIS "deserves the careful review that is essential for a project of this magnitude," Spitzer wrote in the letter, which was sent on his campaign's letterhead.

"An extension of time for public review … is indispensable."

The "circumstances" apparently involve vacations taken by many people during August, but also the sheer size of the DEIS. At 2,000 pages, the document is so technically dense that groups such as the Council on Brooklyn Neighborhoods have hired outside consultants to weed through it.

Many activists felt that doing so in the 36 days from its release until the public hearing was virtually impossible.

"We are thankful that Mr. Spitzer has called for a lengthened environmental review period because it is the responsible thing to do," said Daniel Goldstein, a spokesman for Develop Don't Destroy Brooklyn, which opposes Ratner's Atlantic Yards project, but supports development in the area.

A delay in the final state approval of Atlantic Yards — which could come as early as late October — would allow a newly elected "Governor Spitzer" to weigh in or tinker with the project.

But it's unclear whether Spitzer would want to change anything anyway.

Last March, the attorney general said, "I'm all for Bruce Ratner's plan. It is a spectacular development, it needs to be built ... It'll build housing, it will generate jobs, tax revenue. I think we should move forward on it immediately."

But in last week's letter, Spitzer was a bit less enthusiastic, saying that he "strongly" supports "development at the Atlantic Yards site."

Some project opponents held out hope that the vague words meant that Spitzer would tinker with the project once elected.

"The ESDC is clearly trying to fast-track this process so it can all be done before Gov. Pataki leaves office," said Candace Carponter, who is also with Develop Don't Destroy Brooklyn (and is one of the vacationing Brooklynites who is having trouble coordinating several groups' responses to the DEIS).

"It's unfair. They had two years to produce this document and we get 30 days during the summer to review it before the public hearing."

ESDC spokeswoman Jessica Copen said a Sept. 12 "community forum" has been added to the review schedule. Sept. 12 is primary election day.

DAVIS…

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paign made good on its promise."

Thies offered a more sinister account, alleging that Geoffrey tried to shakedown the Yassky campaign for money. Thies released a contract signed by Davis demanding $50,000 for campaign services.

"Unfortunately in Brooklyn politics there are people who try to use candidates for their own financial benefit," Thies told the Brooklyn Papers.

Geoffrey Davis disputed Thies's allegations.

"If you're trying to extort someone, you don't give them…a contract," said Davis, who added that Yassky asked him to submit a statement for services on the Monday after the memorial service.

Davis said he had been doing work for Yassky's campaign for a year.

Yassky, who is white, faces three black candidates in the race to succeed retiring Rep. Major Owens (D-Crown Heights): State Sen. Carl Andrews (D-Crown Heights), City Councilwoman Yvette Clarke (D-Flatbush) and Chris Owens, the congressman's son.

For Yassky, the Davises' endorsement was an important show of support from a prominent and politically connected black family. Just a handful of black leaders have supported Yassky's run — a point Geoffrey Davis emphasized this week.

"When [City Councilman] Al Vann was attacking [Yassky] because of the color of his skin, we said that's wrong," Davis said.

Debra Griffin-Daza, a community activist in Crown Heights who worked with Geoffrey Davis last year, said she was not surprised that the Davis endorsement apparently came with strings — in this case, a steering wheel — attached.

"I lost several members of my family, but I don't go around shaking people down for money," she said. "In Geoffrey's mind, the world owes him something because his brother was murdered."

Thelma Davis declined to comment, except to say she has not thought about endorsing one of Yassky's rivals.

"Everyone is on his own, I guess," she said.

'Greenest Block' is…

The Brooklyn Papers

Flower-snatching vandals, record heat, and 254 competitors could not keep one puckish lady from her Greenest Block award.

For the second time in the competition's 12-year existence, Hazel Foster led her Flatbush block to the top of the borough's mulch-pile by winning the Brooklyn Botanic Garden's annual greenest residential block contest this week.

It was no walk in the park.

"We were vandalized about 10 times, but we came through," said Foster, referring to the frequent ransacking of her block's garden patches and flower-pots by unknown thieves.

The victory had Foster positively glowing.

"She's one word — proud," said one of Foster's neighbors on E. 25th Street, which won the contest in 2004, and, by the rules, had to sit out last year's leafy battle royale.

Judges said that E. 25th Street between Clarendon and Avenue D excelled in every category, particularly in the area of block-wide participation.

"Hazel is at the epicenter of the block and galvanizes the crew," said Sharon Myrie, a Garden vice president and judge.

It's not just the 40 judges who appreciated the gardeners' hard work.

Even their competitors were impressed.

"It's gorgeous," said Jeannine Kerr, president of the Fuller Place Block Association, located between Prospect Avenue and 16th Street in Windsor Terrace, which tied for second place.

Kerr especially noted the wooden planters lining either side of the street.

The other second-place winner was Fulton Street between Carlton and Cumberland in Fort Greene, a perennial powerhouse.

Foster's block received $300 for its efforts, and, more important, a collection of the Garden's "coveted" signature plants, including a smoke tree, some Red Beauty holly, a Virginia sweetspire, and something called "Green Spice."

— Rubinstein

RENTERS…

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his deal with Ratner runs out, the developer will deliver on his promise of an affordable unit in the Atlantic Yards complex.

Ratner says that Gunther's situation is typical among renters who chose to sign on the dotted line before the condemnation process began.

"[W]e have offered all renters the opportunity to move into the development at comparable rents and into apartments of comparable size," said Ratner spokesman Joe DePlasco.

Robin Weil, an artist who has lived on disability payments in her rent-stabilized Dean Street studio for 13 years, rejected Ratner's offer, fearing he wouldn't be able to build within the three-year deal.

"I couldn't take an offer [from a] developer who has overtaken the past three years of my life, " said Weil, sitting in her 200-square-foot studio — a book-filled room that costs her $594.96 a month.

HEALTH, MIND & BODY

Maimonides weighs in on efforts to curb child obesity epidemic

Maimonides Medical Center

Dr. Lisa Altshuler, Child Psychologist and Director of the Kids Weight Down Program at the Maimonides Infants and Children's Hospital, lauded an agreement made between the Alliance for a Healthier Generation and major soft drink manufacturers limiting the sale of sodas in schools across the country.

"Even though soda will be available elsewhere, it is vital that it is removed from the school lunchroom," she said.

Altshuler and the Kids Weight Down Program at Maimonides help families make healthy choices about food, physical activity, and lifestyle. She has 20 years experience educating families in preventative measures to avert medical problems such as Type-2 diabetes.

The agreement, a result of the joint effort of former President Bill Clinton and the American Heart Association, calls for beverage giants such as PepsiCo and Coca Cola to limit portion sizes and reduce the number of calories available to students throughout the school day.

The guidelines put the maximum number of calories allowed in school beverages at 100 per container, except for certain milks and juices whose nutritional value warrants the higher number of calories. School vending machines would be restocked with bottled water, unsweetened fruit juices, low-fat milk, and sugar-free sodas — all served in smaller portions.

Altshuler is widely published on the subject of childhood obesity, and was consulted by numerous national media outlets on the Clinton soft drink agreement. She was interviewed by CNN National Radio Network, Time Magazine, and the Forbes online news site.

While applauding this effort, Dr. Altshuler believes more should be done in order to combat childhood obesity.

"It's a necessary first step. But it is only a first step in creating a healthy environment for kids," she said.

According to Altshuler, school menus need further improvement and access to sweets and other junk foods limited (for example, changing school fundraisers from candy sales to other items). Physical education classes need to occur more frequently. But most importantly, families need to be engaged in the battle against ever-expanding waistlines.

"Our research shows that children cannot conquer these issues alone," explains Altshuler.

"Parents and siblings need to work together in making healthy lifestyle choices. The school environment should be supportive of those efforts, but the ultimate responsibility for establishing lifelong healthy habits lies within the family unit."

NYM's arthroscopic rotator cuff repair

New York Methodist Hospital

A rotator cuff tear is a common shoulder injury so painful that it interferes with daily activities such as lifting, reaching and even sleeping.

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An individual with a rotator cuff tear — a torn tendon surrounding the upper half of the capsule of the shoulder joint — experiences pain when reaching backwards and above the head, and has recurrent weakness and stiffness in the arm.

"There are three main causes for rotator cuff tears," said Victor Sasson, MD, an orthopedic surgeon specializing in knee and shoulder surgery at NYM, who performs the procedure. "Patients between the ages of 30 and 50 are often injured through participating in athletics such as baseball or tennis, or at work in a profession where there is frequent reaching above the head like painting or carpentry," he said.

Patients older than 50 often experience a rotator cuff tear due to general wear and tear of the shoulder which causes a breakdown of collagen — the protein substance that supports the skin, tendon, bone, cartilage and connective tissue.

"When a patient comes to us with shoulder pain, we do an extensive history and physical exam to pinpoint the exact cause of the pain," said Sasson. If it is determined that a rotator cuff tear is responsible, physicians at NYM may perform total arthroscopic surgery, an alternative to open shoulder surgery.

Arthroscopic rotator cuff surgery uses mini-fiber-optic video and surgical instruments to make three to four tiny incisions in the shoulder (open shoulder surgery requires incisions that are four to five inches long.)

"With arthroscopic rotator cuff surgery there is less scaring and the deltoid, the muscle that covers shoulder joint, is left intact which allows for quicker and easier rehabilitation," said Enrique Monsanto, M.D., a physician specializing in hand and upper extremity surgery at NYM. The surgery is performed at the hospital in an outpatient setting and does not require an overnight stay. "Regional anesthesia is used during arthroscopic rotator cuff surgery allowing for a more comfortable and less complicated postoperative experience," he said.

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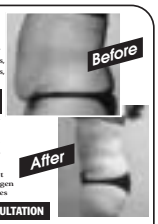
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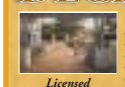
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